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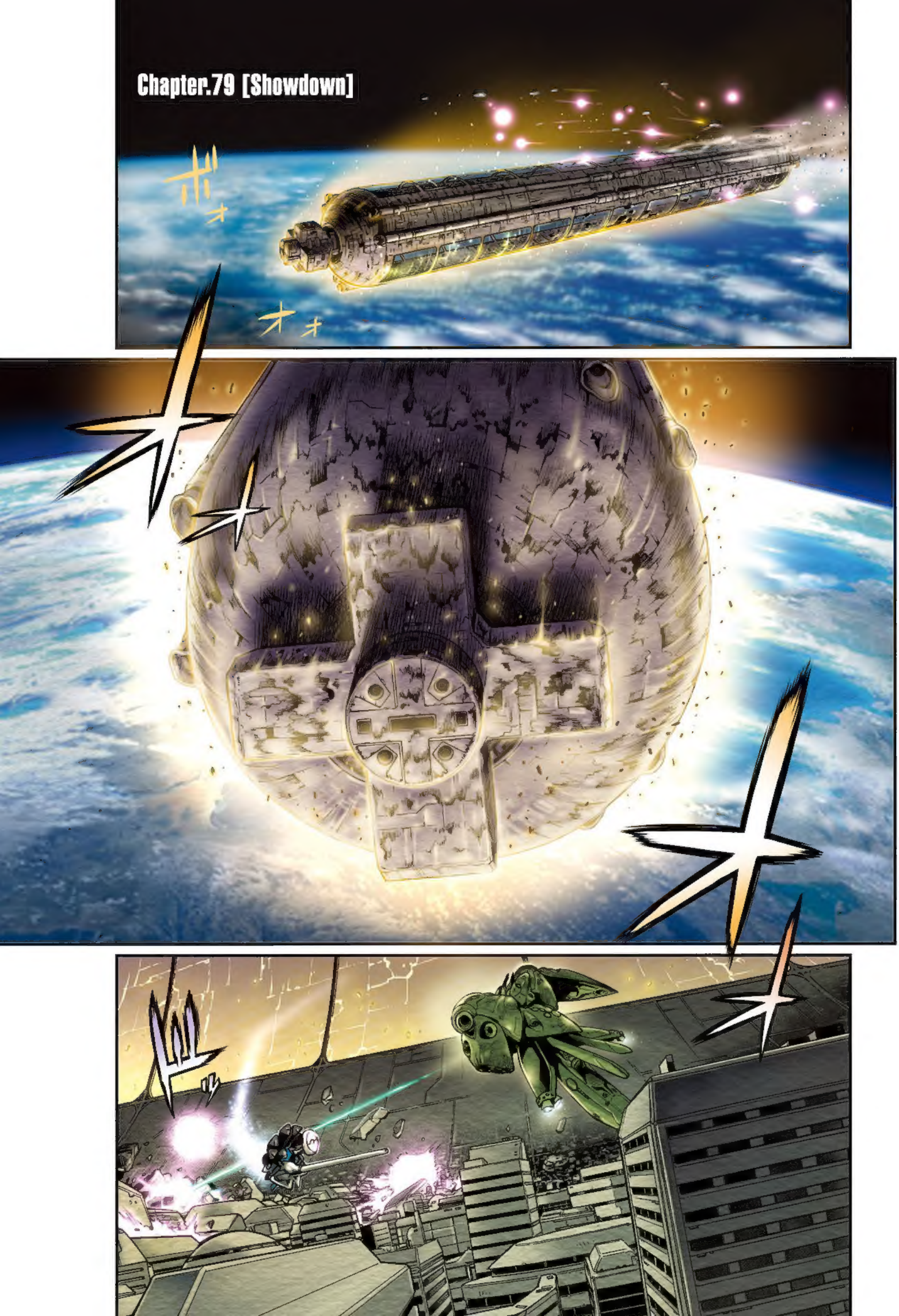
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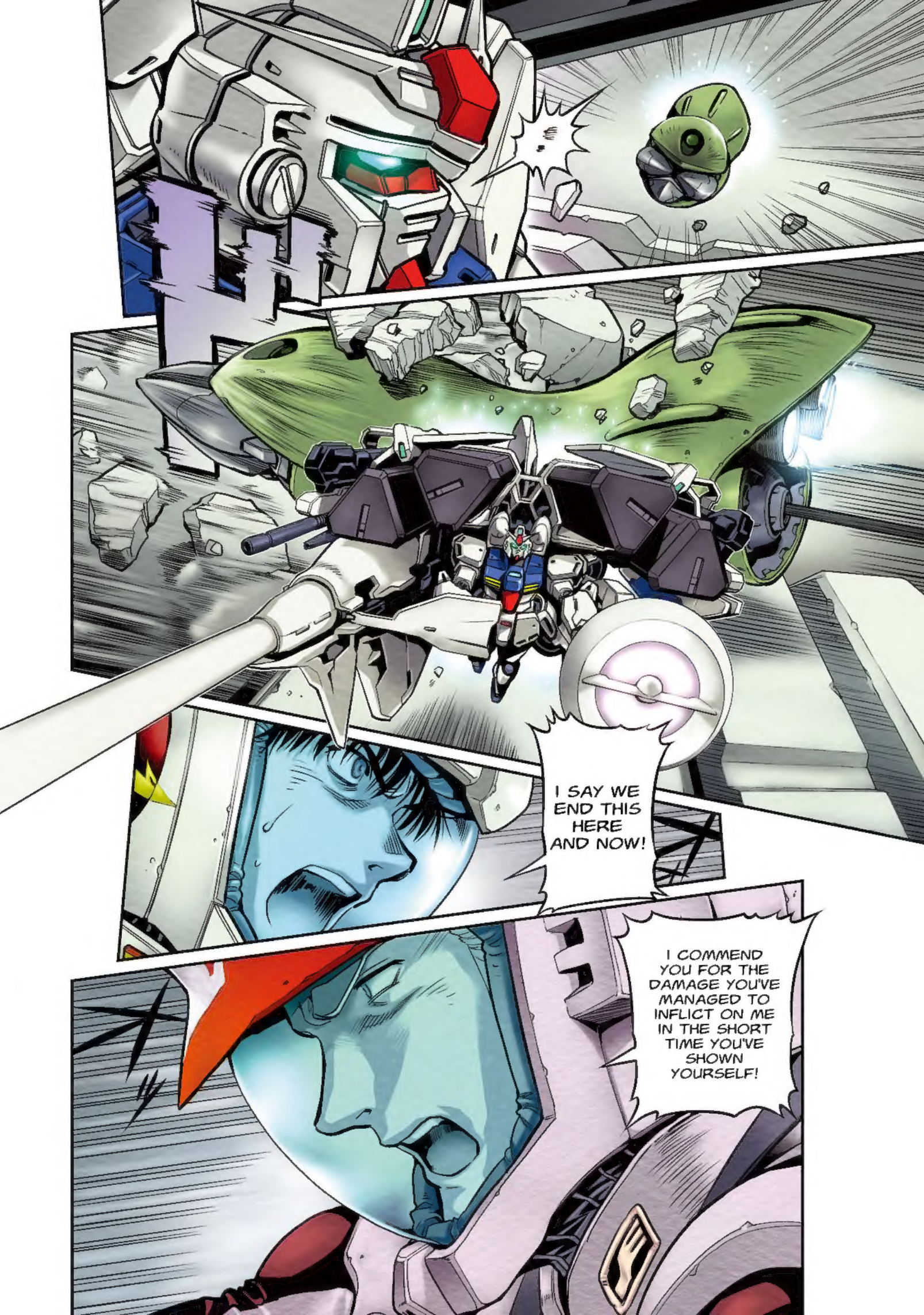
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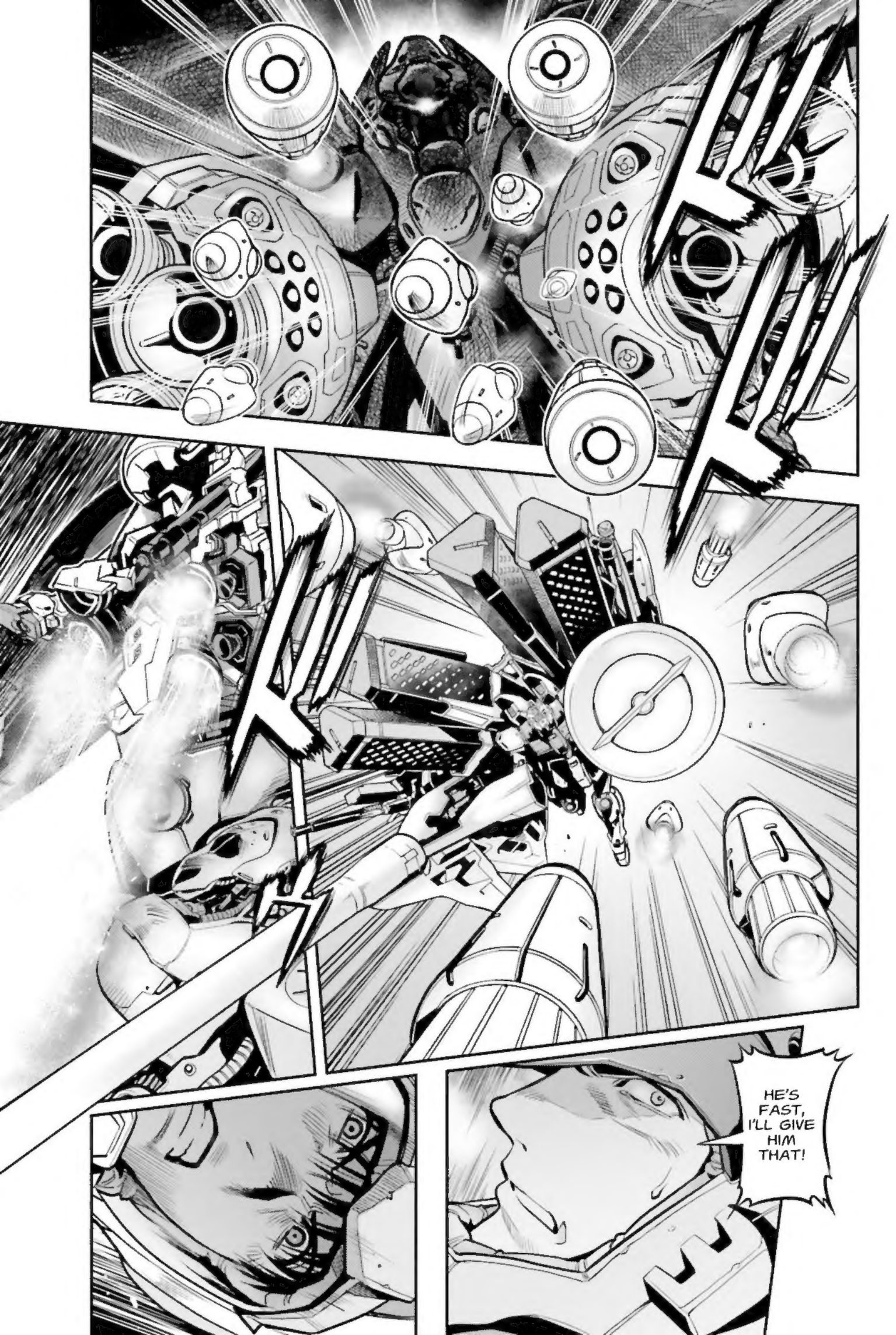
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I SAY WE END THIS HERE AND NOW!
I COMMEND YOU FOR THE DAMAGE YOU'VE MANAGED TO INFLICT ON ME IN THE SHORT TIME YOU'VE SHOWN YOURSELF!

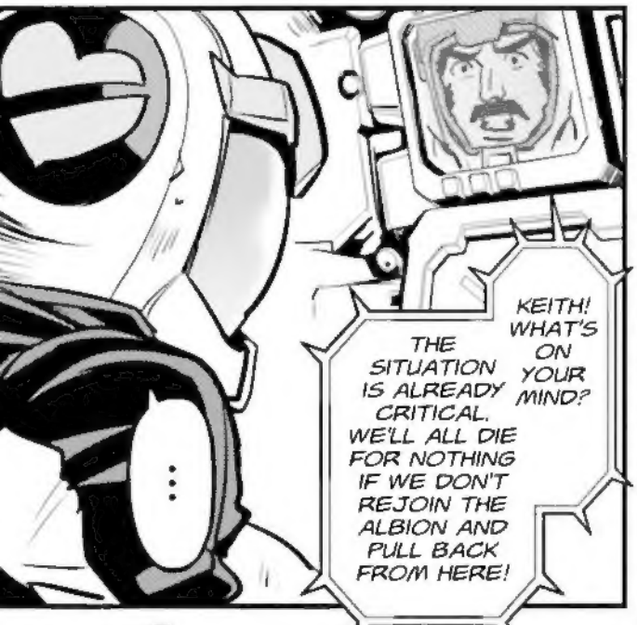

HE'S FAST, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT!


I CAN'T EVEN ATTACK HIM FROM BEHIND AT THIS RANGE BECAUSE HIS I-FIELD'S STILL EFFECTIVE?!
WELL, YOU MIGHT THINK YOU'VE GOT ME...
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU HAVE ME THAT EASILY!


MAYBE WE SHOULD JOIN UP AND HELP HIM.
THAT BASTARD URAKI SURE IS OBSESSED WITH FIGHTING GATO.

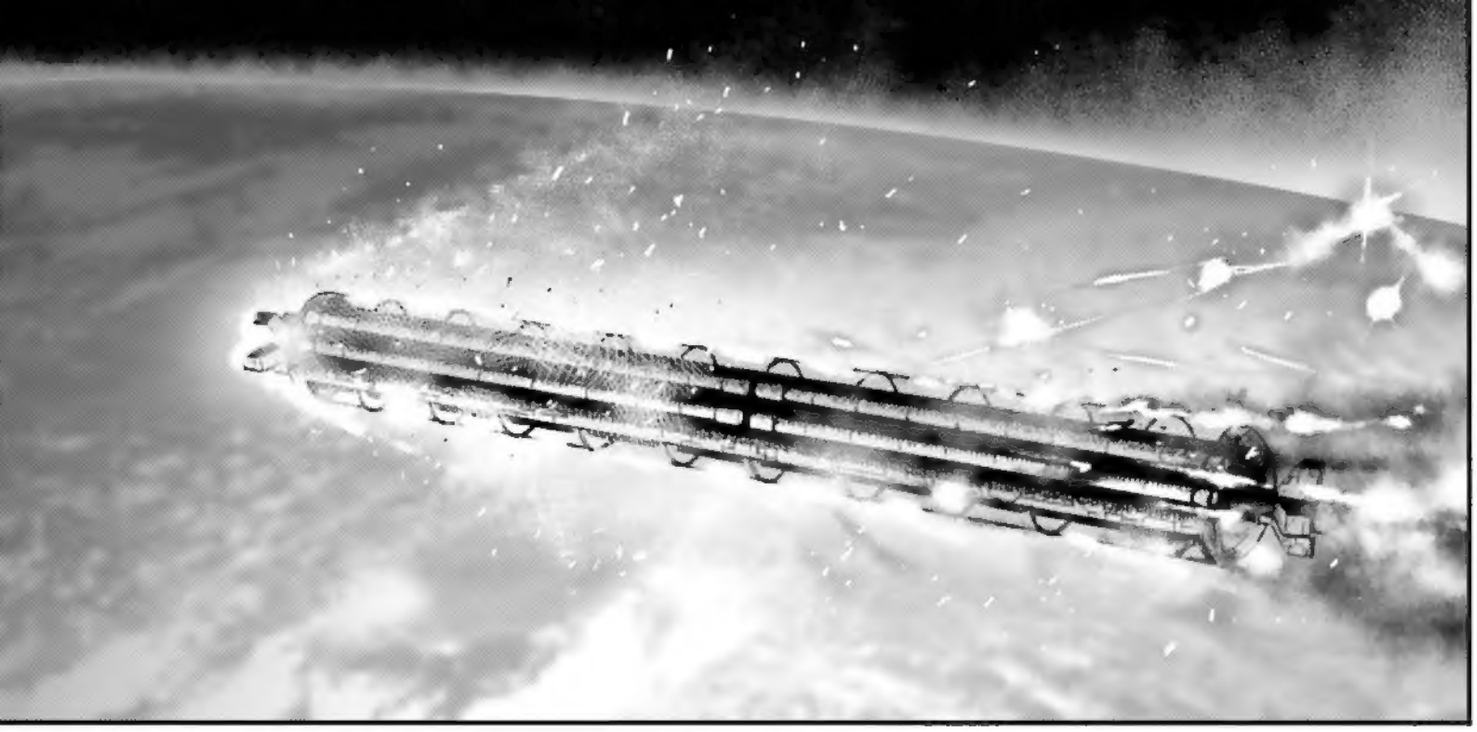

I ONLY WISH HE'D TAKE GATO AND THE COLONY ALONG WITH HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE.
HE'LL BE COURT-MARTIALED FOR DISOBEYING ORDERS AND FIRING ON AN ALLY ANYWAYS.
NAH, HE'S OFF DOING THIS ON HIS OWN, SO LET HIM BE.

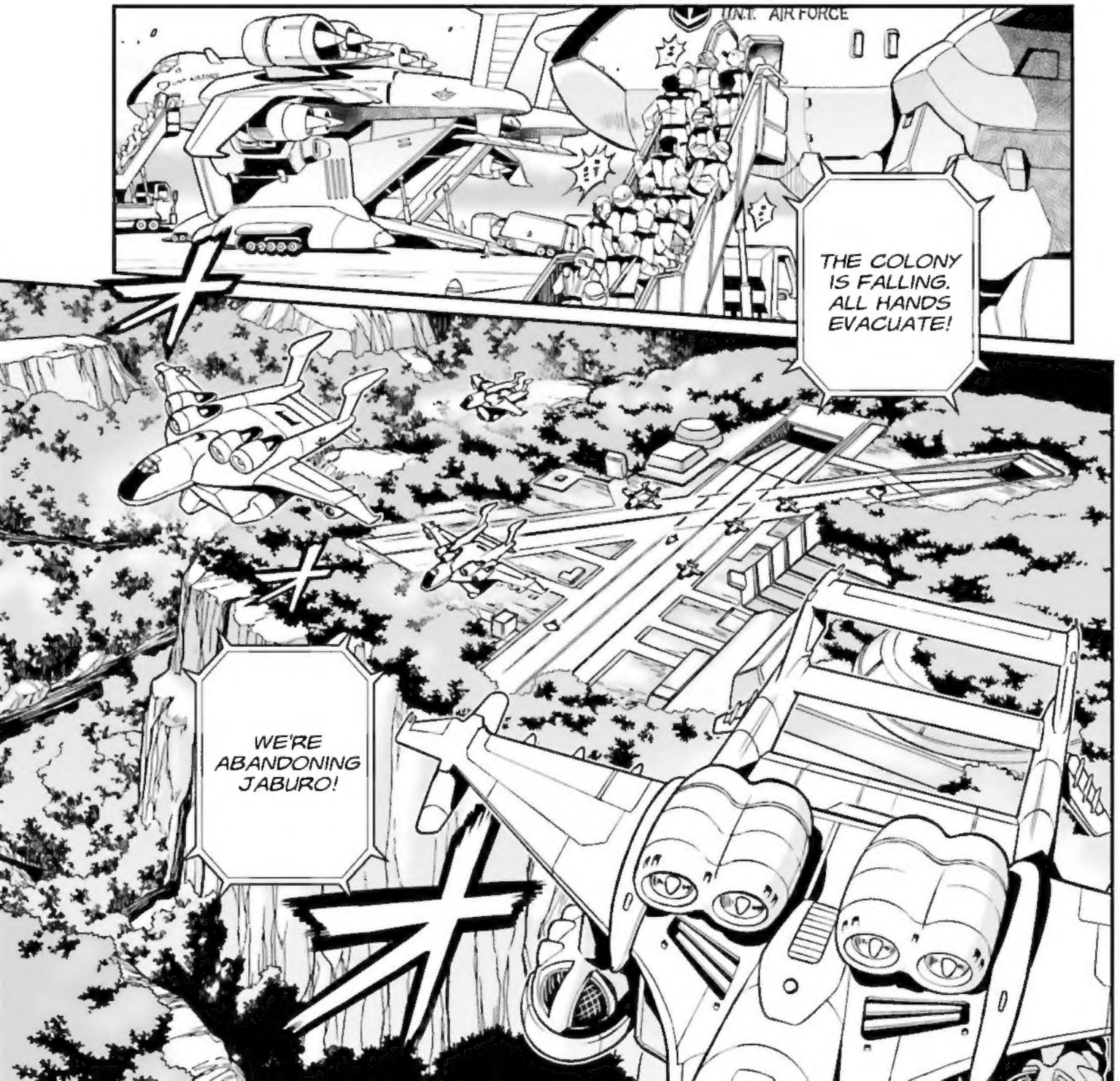



KEITH! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
THE SITUATION IS ALREADY CRITICAL. WE'LL ALL DIE FOR NOTHING IF WE DON'T REJOIN THE ALBION AND PULL BACK FROM HERE!
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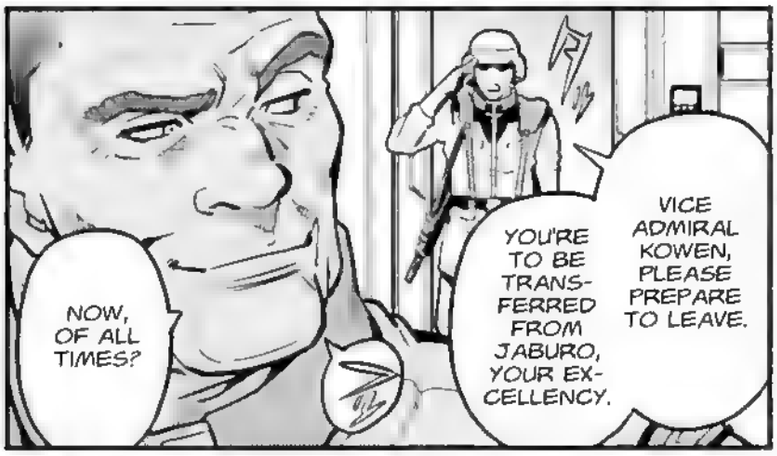

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HE'S MY BEST FRIEND...
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M ABANDONING KOU.
DO YOU COPY...
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DAMMIT!!
KEITH!!




U.N.T. AIR FORCE
THE COLONY IS FALLING. ALL HANDS EVACUATE!
WE'RE ABANDONING JABURO!

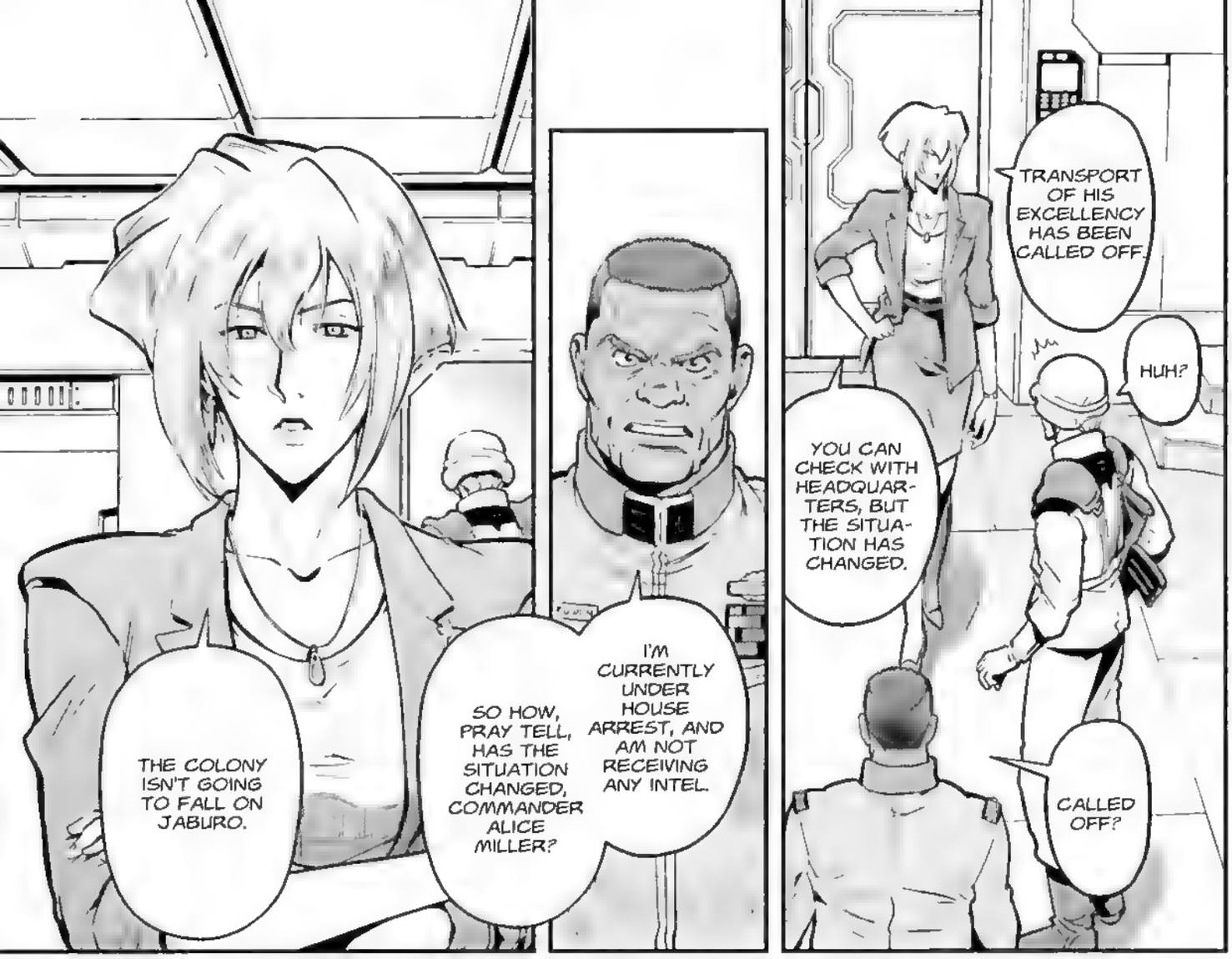

THEY'RE FLEEING EVERYWHERE, SCATTERING LIKE BIRDS, AREN'T THEY?

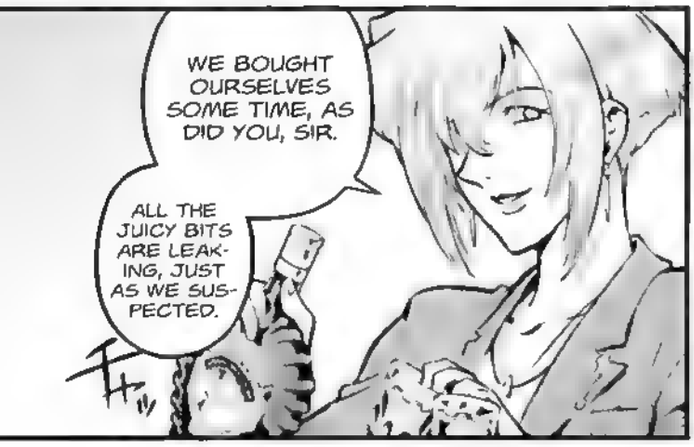

NOW, OF ALL TIMES?
YOU'RE TO BE TRANS-FERRED FROM JABURO, YOUR EX-CELLENCY.
VICE ADMIRAL KOWEN, PLEASE PREPARE TO LEAVE.


HOW SWEET IT WOULD BE TO PERISH WITH JABURO JUST LIKE THIS.
NO MATTER WHERE I GO, ONLY I'M GOING TO BE HELD RE-SPONSIBLE FOR THIS DEBACLE.


VICE ADMI-RAL KOWEN?
THAT'S RATHER UN-CHARACTER-ISTICALLY WEAK OF YOU, WOULDN'T YOU SAY...

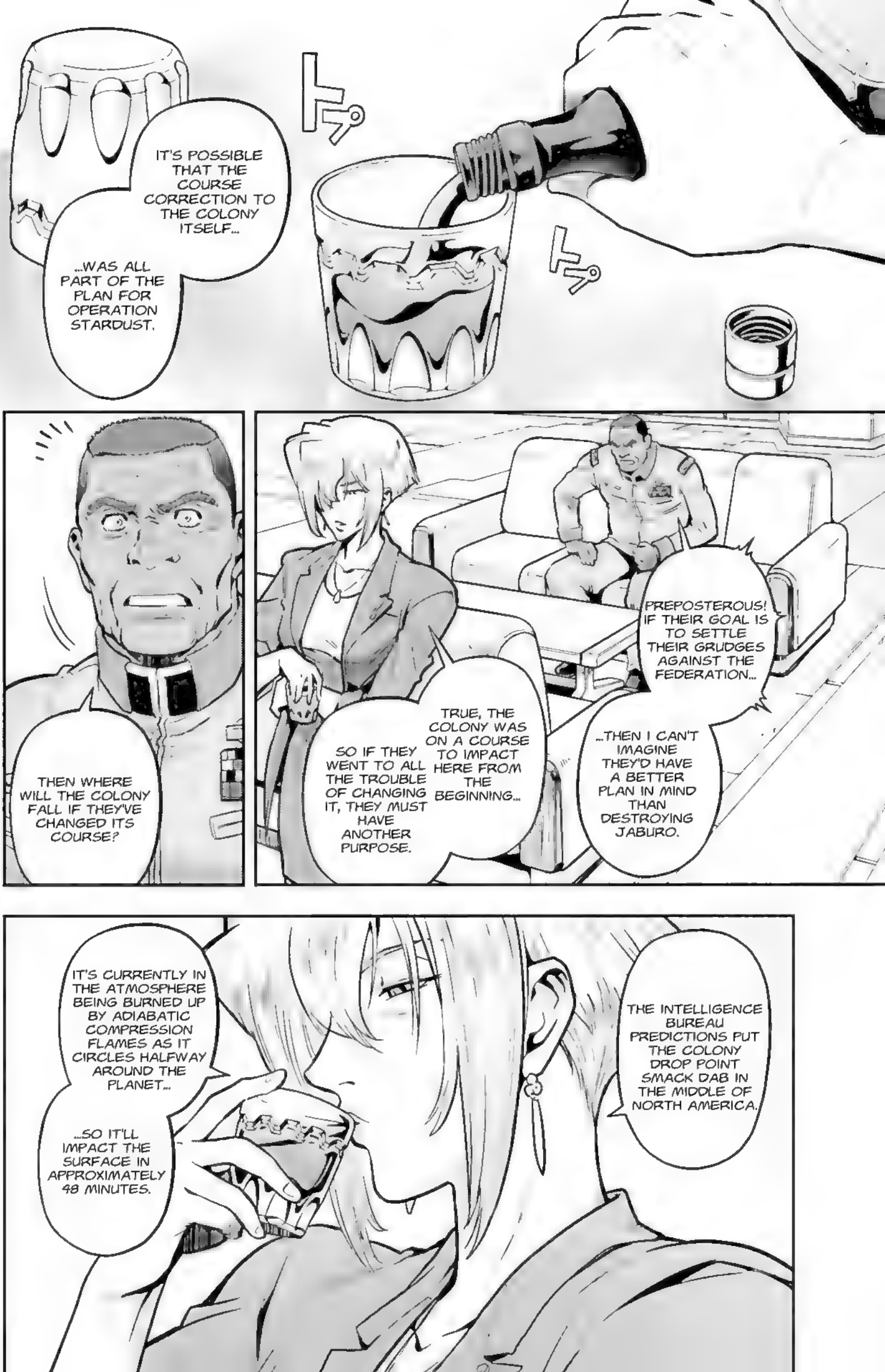

JOHN KOWEN
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DELAZ'S OPERATION STARDUST...
...HAS UNDOUBTEDLY GOTTEN THE BEST OF US.


TRANSPORT OF HIS EXCELLENCY HAS BEEN CALLED OFF.
HUH?
YOU CAN CHECK WITH HEADQUARTERS, BUT THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
CALLED OFF?
I'M CURRENTLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST, AND AM NOT RECEIVING ANY INTEL.
SO HOW, PRAY TELL, HAS THE SITUATION CHANGED, COMMANDER ALICE MILLER?
THE COLONY ISN'T GOING TO FALL ON JABURO.


WE BOUGHT OURSELVES SOME TIME, AS DID YOU, SIR.
ALL THE JUICY BITS ARE LEAKING, JUST AS WE SUSPECTED.


SO THE FIRST ORBITAL FLEET WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ALTERING THE COLONY'S COURSE?
NOT EXACTLY.
IT SEEMS THE DELAZ FLEET ALTERED THE COURSE THEMSELVES.

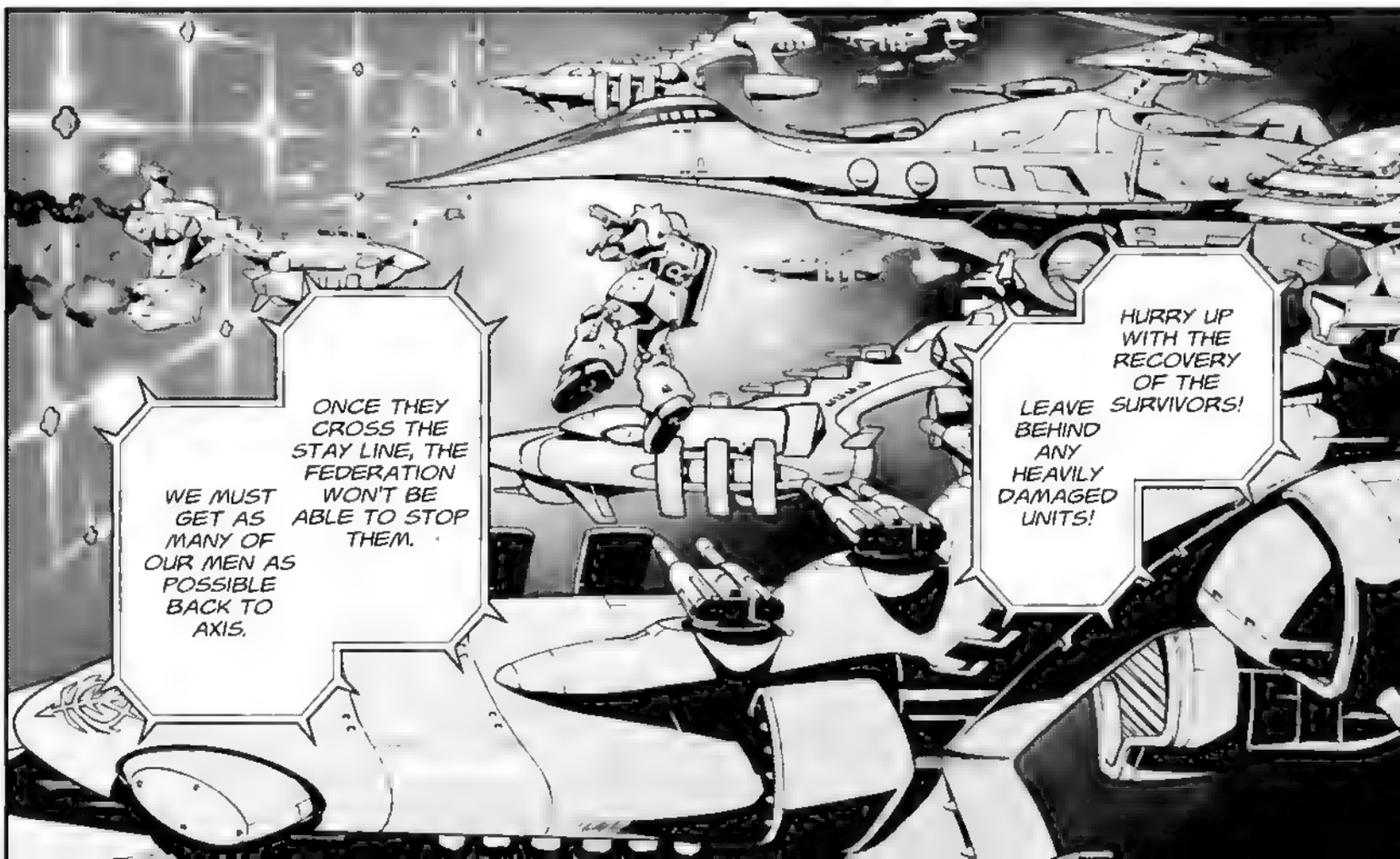

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!
I WANT A FULL EXPLANATION.


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE COURSE CORRECTION TO THE COLONY ITSELF...
...WAS ALL PART OF THE PLAN FOR OPERATION STARDUST.
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THEN WHERE WILL THE COLONY FALL IF THEY'VE CHANGED ITS COURSE?
SO IF THEY WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF CHANGING IT, THEY MUST HAVE ANOTHER PURPOSE.
TRUE, THE COLONY WAS ON A COURSE TO IMPACT HERE FROM THE BEGINNING...
PREPOSTEROUS! IF THEIR GOAL IS TO SETTLE THEIR GRUDGES AGAINST THE FEDERATION...
...THEN I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY'D HAVE A BETTER PLAN IN MIND THAN DESTROYING JABURO.
IT'S CURRENTLY IN THE ATMOSPHERE BEING BURNED UP BY ADIABATIC COMPRESSION FLAMES AS IT CIRCLES HALFWAY AROUND THE PLANET...
...SO IT'LL IMPACT THE SURFACE IN APPROXIMATELY 48 MINUTES.
THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU PREDICTIONS PUT THE COLONY DROP POINT SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF NORTH AMERICA.

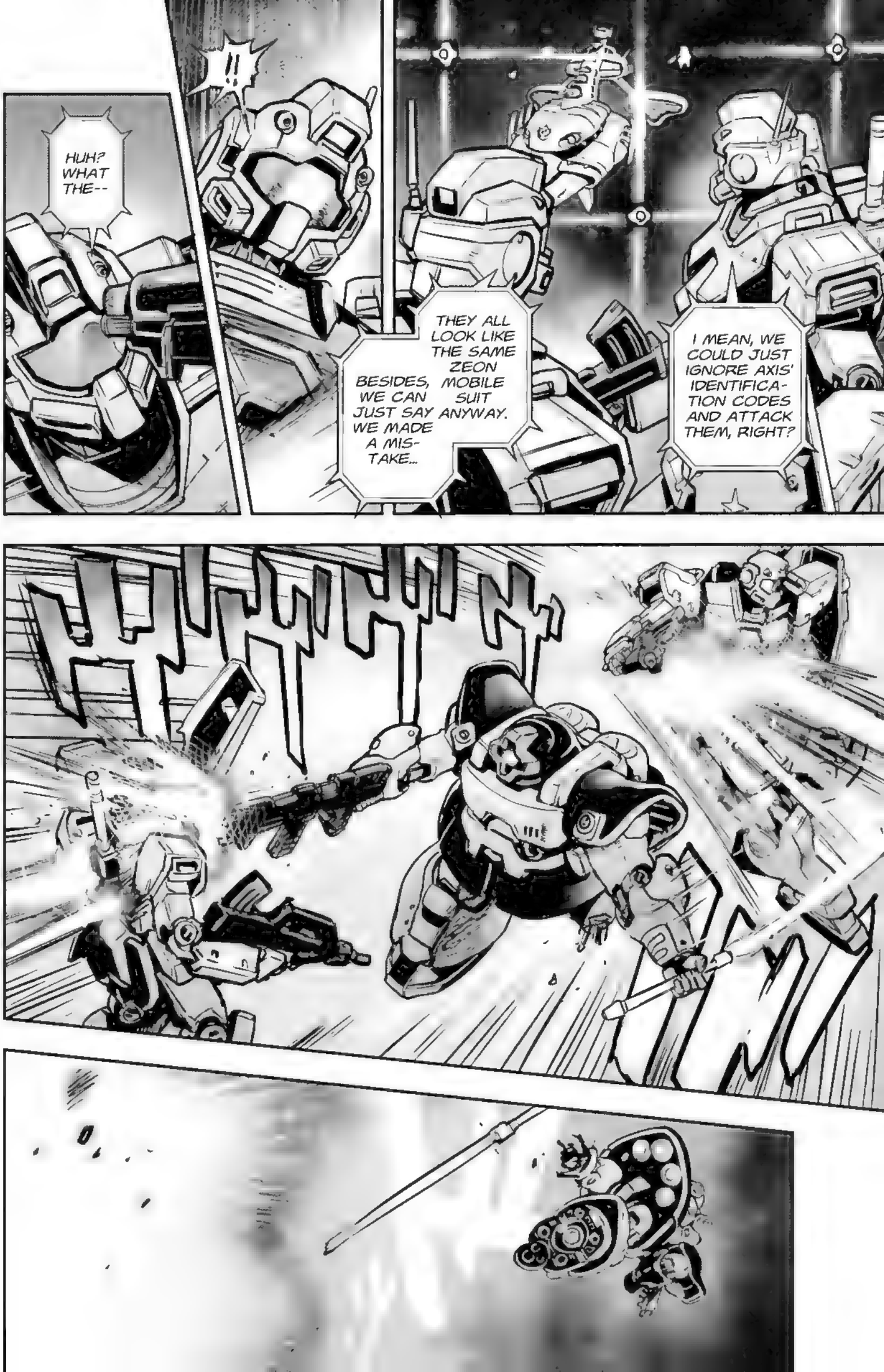

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS ONCE BEFORE.
YOU ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.
IT'S ABSURD TO ASK...
BUT HOW MUCH WORSE COULD IT GET?
THE FEDERATION GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY WORKING TO EVACUATE THE ENTIRE AREA.
...WAS THE START TO ALL OF THIS, WASN'T IT?
MY GUNDAM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT...
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE SO QUICK TO ASSIGN BLAME.
JAMITOV HYMEN!
HE IS CERTAINLY QUITE AMBITIOUS, YES, BUT--
WHAT IF, SAY, SOMEONE WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN AND INTERVENED BEHIND THE SCENES?


I HAVE MY SUSPI-CIONS...
...THAT COMMO-DORE JAMITOV IS STRATEGIZ-ING, AWARE OF THE NEXT WAR THAT IS GOING TO OCCUR.
I CAN'T POSSIBLY BELIEVE THEY WOULD ALLOW A COLONY DROP...
AS A MEANS TO DISCREDIT ME AND BRING ME DOWN!!


A WAR WITH AXIS...?
!!!


WE MUST GET AS MANY OF OUR MEN AS POSSIBLE BACK TO AXIS.
ONCE THEY CROSS THE STAY LINE, THE FEDERATION WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THEM.
LEAVE BEHIND ANY HEAVILY DAMAGED UNITS!
HURRY UP WITH THE RECOVERY OF THE SURVIVORS!


WE MADE IT! WE FINALLY REACHED THE AXIS FLEET!
NOW WE CAN--
WHOOPS, SORRY!
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD SOME BAD LUCK WITH A STRAY ROUND HITTING YOU, EH?
DAMMIT!
YOU WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IF YOU WISH TO PROTEST.
THE LINES OF THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CROSSED, ADMIRAL HASSLER.
I MUST REQUEST THAT YOU CEASE ALL ATTACKS IN THIS SECTOR IMMEDIATELY.
WE'RE TAKING DAMAGE!


!!
HUH? WHAT THE--
BESIDES, WE CAN JUST SAY WE MADE A MIS-TAKE...
THEY ALL LOOK LIKE THE SAME ZEON MOBILE SUIT ANYWAY.
I MEAN, WE COULD JUST IGNORE AXIS' IDENTIFICA-TION CODES AND ATTACK THEM, RIGHT?


YOU FOUGHT WELL. DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
AXIS WILL TAKE YOU IN NOW.
YOU PROMISED YOU'D RETURN...
COM-MANDER GATO...


LIKE HELL, YOU WILL!


TCH!
I'M NOT FINISHED YET!



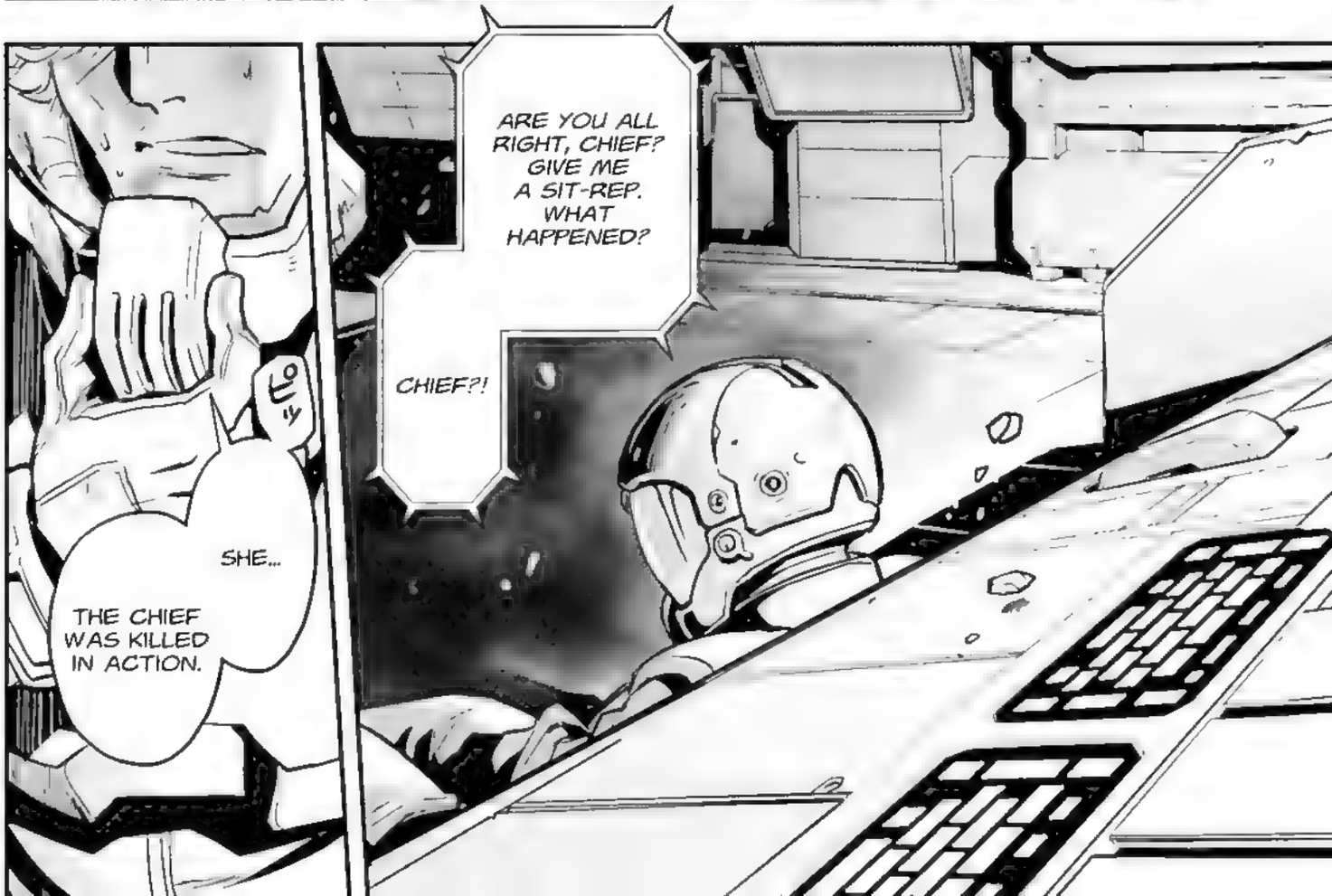

YOUR BODY CAN'T HANDLE THAT KIND OF CRAZY MANEUVERING!
NO, DON'T DO IT KOU!


OH, OF COURSE LUCETTE WOULD CUT THE LIMITER!
AH, NO KOU, NOT THAT!
NEGATIVE. THE BULKHEADS ARE ALL DOWN AND ARE BLOCKING ALL THE PASSAGES.
HOW'RE THINGS GOING? ARE YOU ABLE TO GET INTO THE CONTROL ROOM?

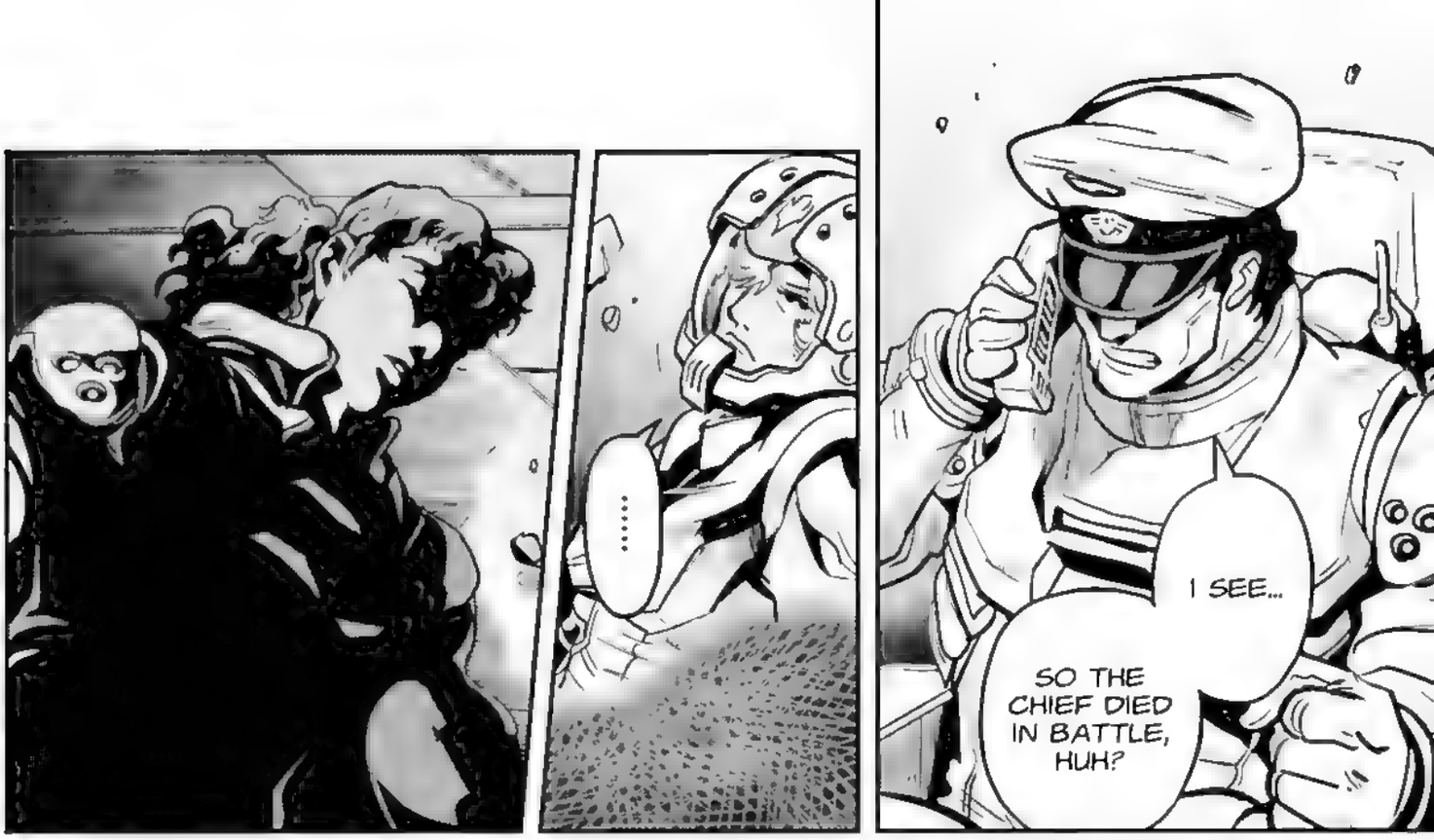

CHRIST...
PLUS, WE'RE NOT SURE THE FACILITY IS EVEN OPERATIONAL.
EVERYTHING IS MELTED, SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE US SOME TIME TO MAKE AN INGRESS.
THERE'S INDICATIONS OF A SABER HOLE IN THE TOP OF THE FACILITY.


WE'LL HAVE TO DETONATE IT DIRECTLY THEN.


WHAT?!
CAP-TAIN!
I'VE INTERCEPTED A TRANSMISSION FROM INSIDE THE FACILITY! IT'S A SIGNAL FROM THE CHIEF!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, CHIEF? GIVE ME A SIT-REP. WHAT HAPPENED?
CHIEF?!
SHE...
THE CHIEF WAS KILLED IN ACTION.


YOU'RE...
KELLY LAYZNER.
THE CHIEF WAS STRUCK AND KILLED IN FRONT OF ME BY A FEDDIE SOLDIER.
I COULDN'T SAVE HER.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR HER HELMET...
I WOULD'VE DIED FROM A LACK OF OXYGEN.

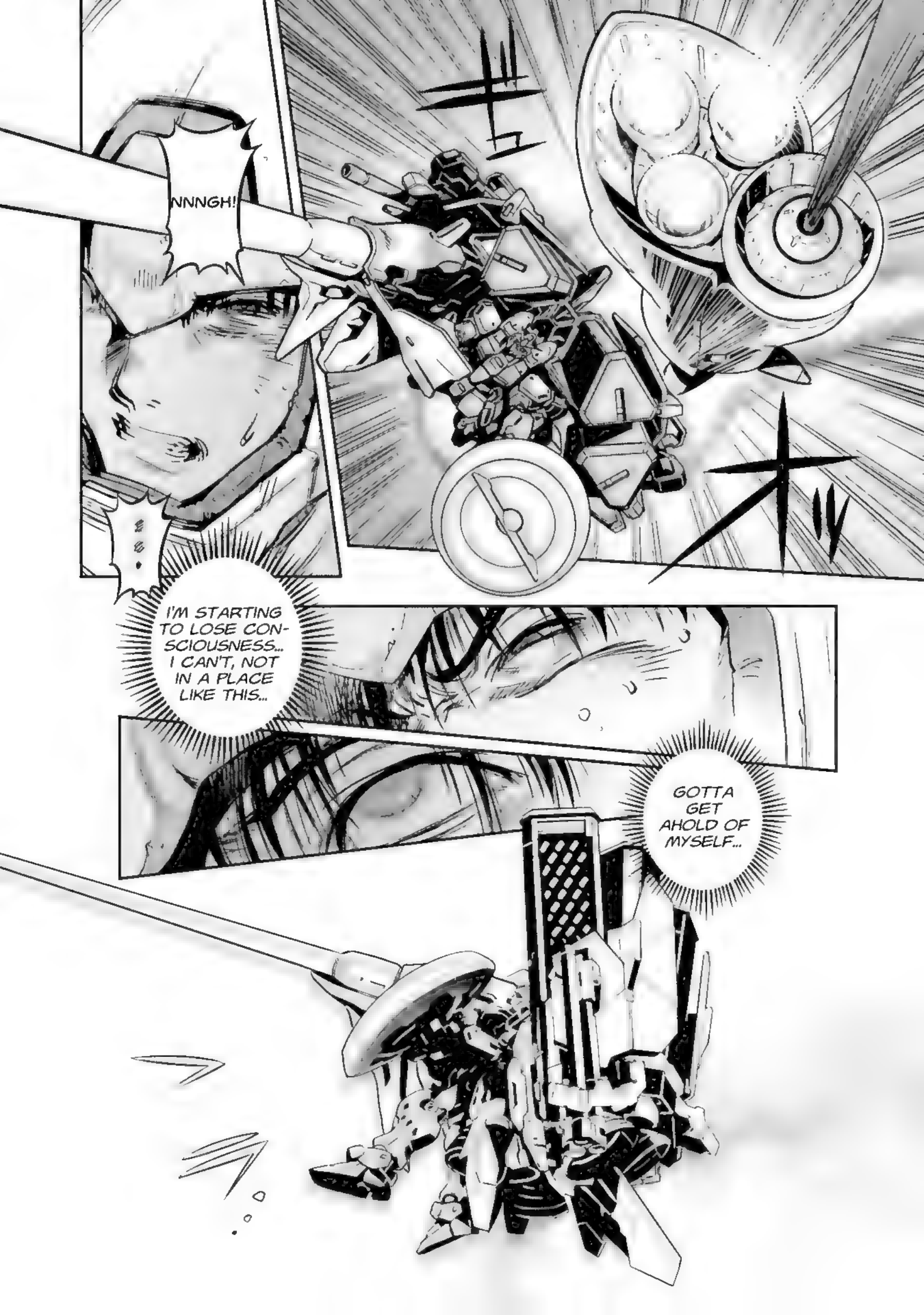

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I SEE...
SO THE CHIEF DIED IN BATTLE, HUH?


BUT, I DARE ASK YOU.
IS THE FACILITY STILL UP AND RUNNING?
BECAUSE I WAS MONITORING YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMANDER.
LIEUTENANT LAYZNER. I'M AWARE THAT YOU BETRAYED ZEON...


HUH?
TELL ME WHAT THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WAS TRYING TO DO.
I SEE. WELL, THEN--

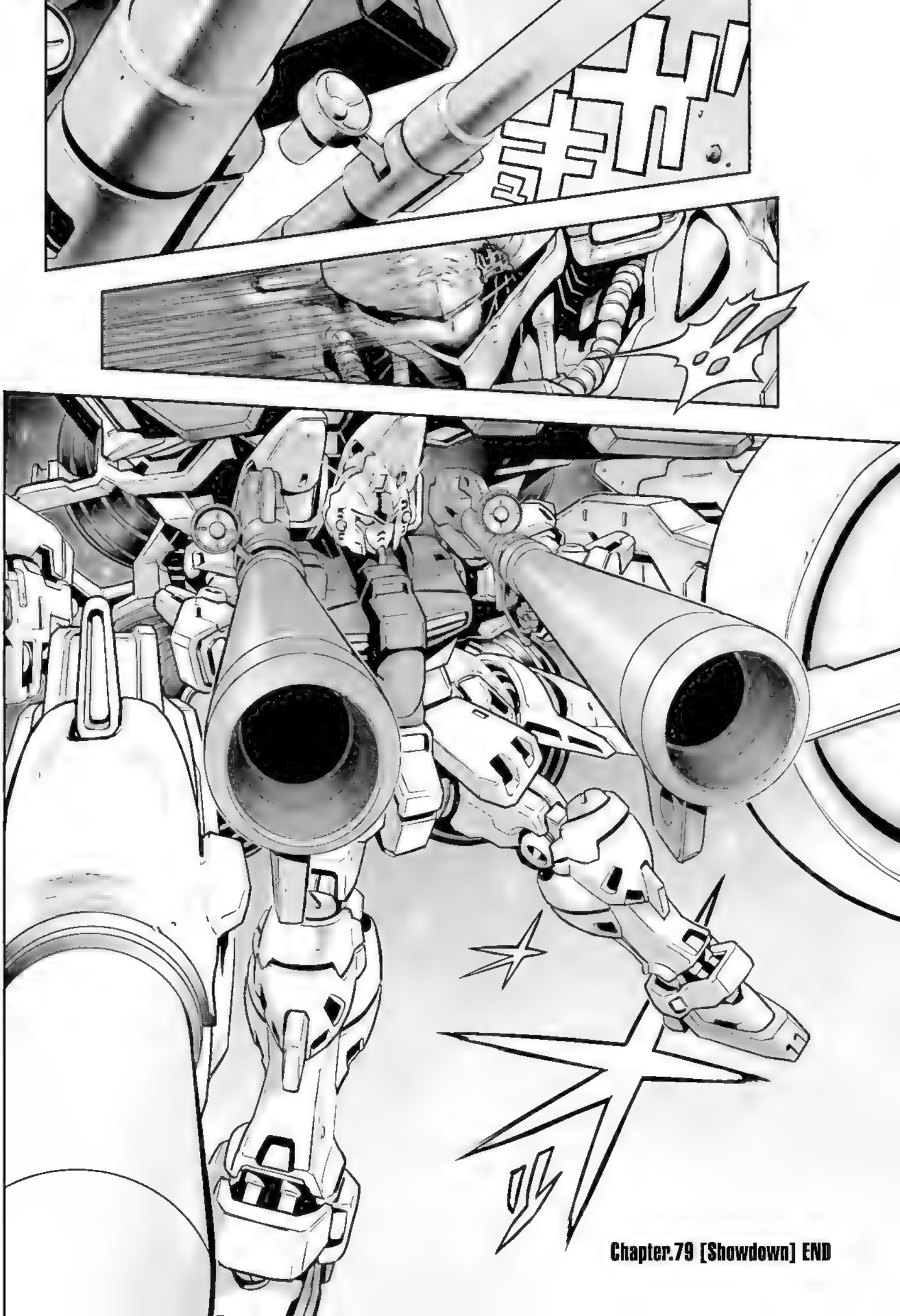

...
YEAH... EVERYTHING SEEMS FINE.


HUFF
HUFF
I'LL...
KEEP GOING...
NNGH!


NNNGH!
I'M STARTING TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS... I CAN'T, NOT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
GOTTA GET AHOLD OF MYSELF...


URAKI!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, MAN?
C'MON, MOVE IT, KOU!
FIGHT!!


STAY OUT OF THIS!!
KOU!!



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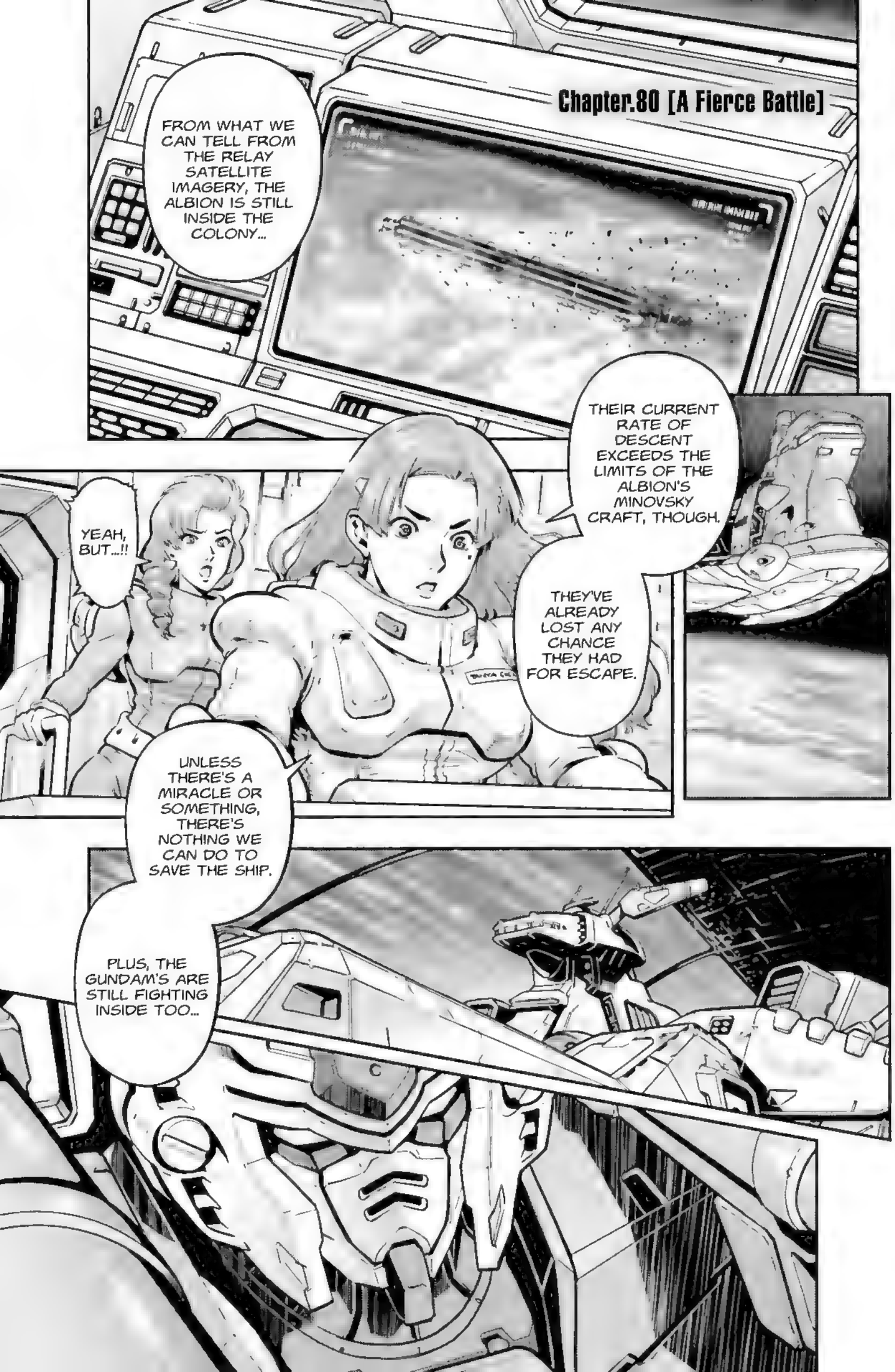
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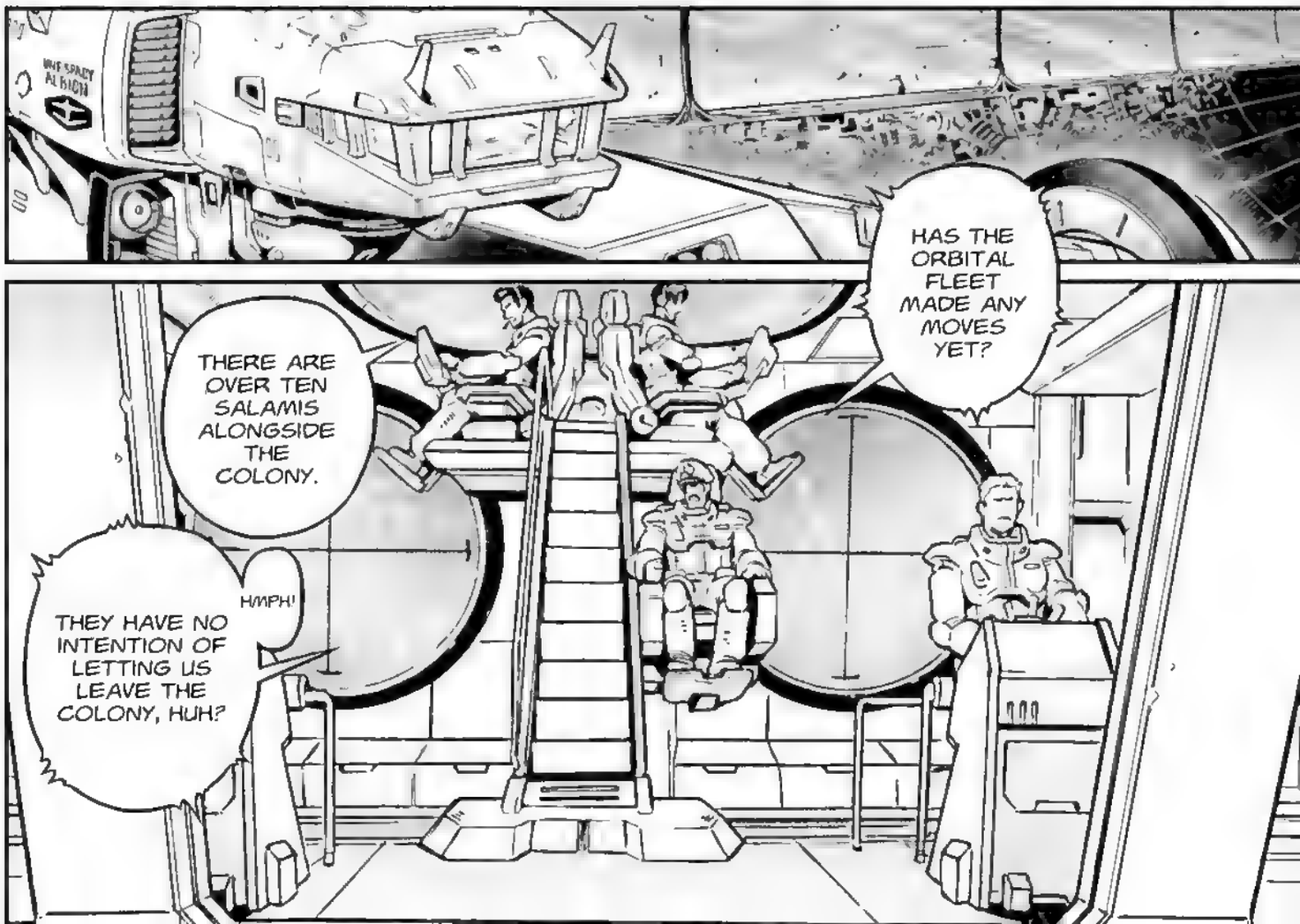

Chapter.80 [A Fierce Battle]
FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL FROM THE RELAY SATELLITE IMAGERY, THE ALBION IS STILL INSIDE THE COLONY...
THEIR CURRENT RATE OF DESCENT EXCEEDS THE LIMITS OF THE ALBION'S MINOVSKY CRAFT, THOUGH.
THEY'VE ALREADY LOST ANY CHANCE THEY HAD FOR ESCAPE.
YEAH, BUT...!!
UNLESS THERE'S A MIRACLE OR SOMETHING, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO SAVE THE SHIP.
PLUS, THE GUNDAM'S ARE STILL FIGHTING INSIDE TOO...



TCH!
SHIT!
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, URAKI!!
D




ONE OF MY I-FIELDS IS LOSING POWER...
IT'S OVER, GATO!


HAS THE ORBITAL FLEET MADE ANY MOVES YET?
THERE ARE OVER TEN SALAMIS ALONGSIDE THE COLONY.
HMPH!
THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING US LEAVE THE COLONY, HUH?


HURRY UP WITH THE RECOVERY OF THE MOBILE SUITS! WE DON'T HAVE TIME UNTIL THE COLONY TOUCHES DOWN!
OBSERVATION TEAMS, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY DAMAGED AREAS THAT MIGHT ALLOW THE SHIP TO LEAVE!
ENSIGN KEITH, PLEASE HURRY UP AND RETURN TO THE ALBION.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH LIEUTENANT URAKI'S DECISION TO DISREGARD ORDERS.
I JUST CAN'T...


WE'VE FOUGHT THIS LONG TOGETHER.
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LEAVE KOU BEHIND!
GO, KEITH!
KOU?
GET BACK TO THE ALBION!
IF YOU STAY HERE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO SLOW THINGS DOWN.


C'MON MAN, DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT.
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, KEITH!
...
SUIT YOURSELF!
.....
THE HECK, MAN, THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL...
WHY'S HE GOTTA TELL ME OFF LIKE THAT?
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YOU FINISH UP WITH HIM AND COME BACK LATER, YA HEAR?!
I'LL GO BACK TO THE ALBION AHEAD OF YOU.


THANKS, KEITH.
YOU HAD BETTER COME BACK, MAN!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU, KOU!!





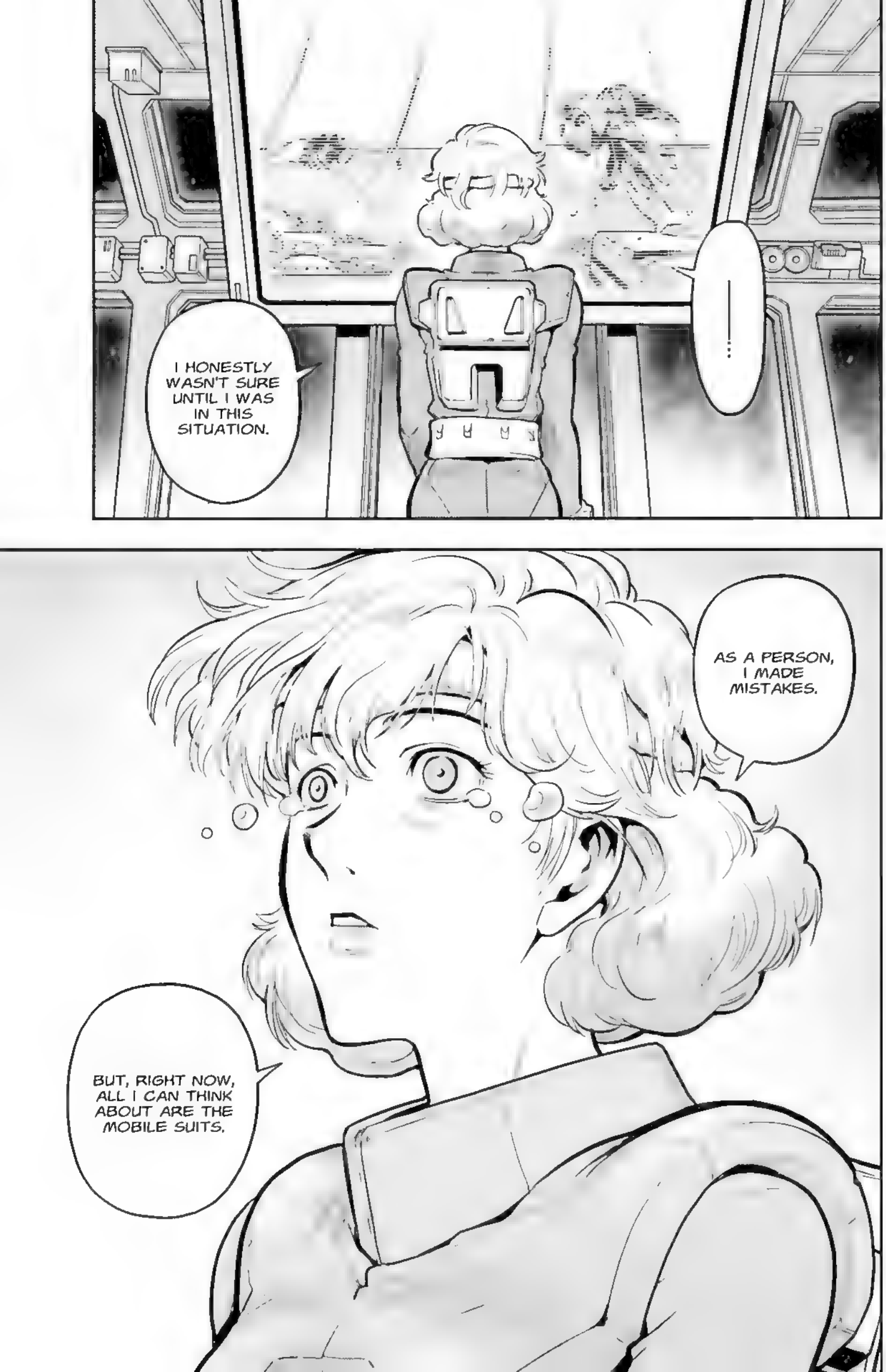

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LIEU-TENANT, WHAT'S WRONG?!
HEY!
IT'S STILL A BIT EARLY FOR YOU TO BE CASHING IN YOUR CHIPS.
ANSWER ME, LIEU-TENANT KELLY LAYZNER!
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LIEU-TENANT LAYZNER!
NN-NGH...
SORRY, I LOST CON-SCIOUSNESS FOR A SEC THERE.
I'M GOOD.
BE DONE IN A FEW HERE.
I'M NOT CONDONING THE COLONY DROP.
JUST SO YOU KNOW...
STILL, DROPPING A COLONY ISN'T RIGHT.
WHICH IS WHY THIS IS THE FINAL TRICK UP OUR SLEEVES.
I'M AWARE OF THAT...
...BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BOTH SHARE ZEON'S IDEOLOGY OF IN-DEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY FOR SPA-CENOIDS.

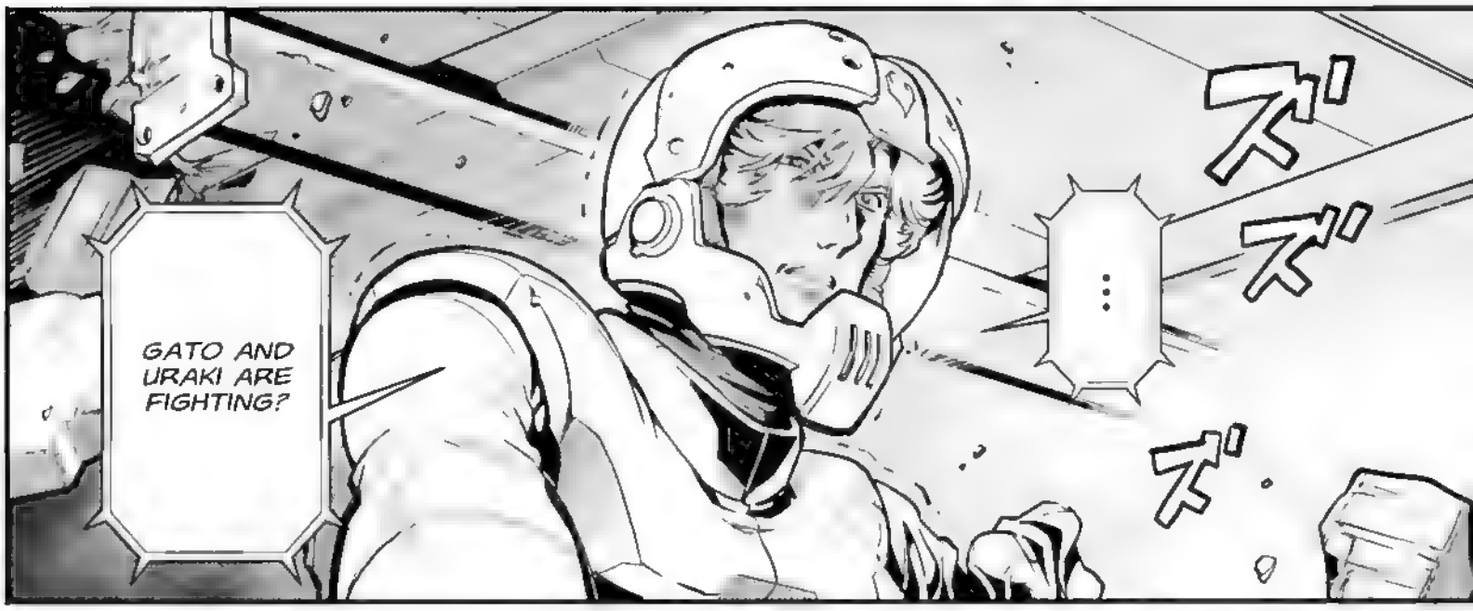

NO...
I JUST THOUGHT WE HAD A LOT OF TIME TO SPARE...
...SINCE WE'RE CLOSE TO BLOWING UP AND DYING WITH THE COLONY AND ALL.
OH, YOU'RE QUITE MISTAKEN.
IS THERE SOME-THING YOU'D LIKE TO FILL ME IN ON?
...
DEATH LIES ON THE BAT-TLEFIELD.
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'RE ALWAYS PREPARED TO DO AS A SOLDIER.
BUT, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DYING HERE.
THAT IS WHY THE COMMANDER ENTRUSTED ME WITH THE TASK OF TRYING TO KEEP YOU ALIVE.
WHICH, BY THE WAY, I WANTED TO ASK YOU.
WHICH ONE OF THEM ARE YOU ROOTING FOR?
HUH?

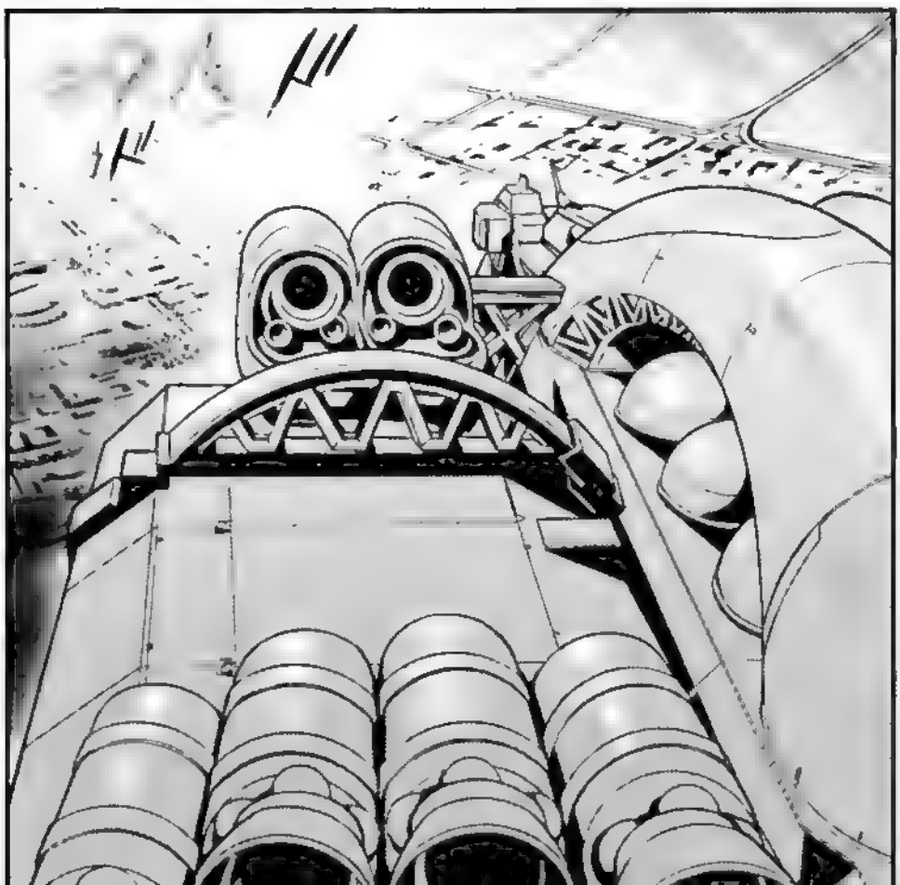

AS YOU STARE INTENTLY AT THAT MONITOR...
WHICH ONE OF THEM ARE YOU HOPING WILL WIN?


COMMANDER GATO WITH THE NEUE ZIEL...
OR THE FEDDIE GUNDAM PILOT?
...


I HONESTLY WASN'T SURE UNTIL I WAS IN THIS SITUATION.
...
AS A PERSON, I MADE MISTAKES.
BUT, RIGHT NOW, ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT ARE THE MOBILE SUITS.


...
YES, WELL...
THAT'S REALLY NOT SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT IN THIS SITUATION.


GATO AND URAKI ARE FIGHTING?
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THAT THEY ARE. IT'S THE FINAL FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
SHALL I ROUTE THE VIDEO TO YOUR MONITOR?


...
NO...
THERE'S NO NEED TO...




THE SAME ATTACKS WON'T WORK, URAKI!
THE FIRST ONE WAS A DECOY?!


DID I REALLY GET HIM?!




SHIT!
THE I-FIELD'S
ESTIMATION
WAS
DELAYED
FOR A
SECOND!!


GATO MUST HAVE NOTICED...
THE FLAW IN YOUR WEAPON SYSTEM.
!!


YOUR MACHINE CAN'T MAINTAIN HIGH MOBILITY WHILE YOUR I-FIELD IS STILL ENGAGED.
WELL, NOW YOU CAN'T MOVE!


WHAT IS THE FLAW IN THAT MACHINE?
...
THE ION DRIVE PROPULSION GETS ITS POWER FROM HIGH VOLTAGE OUTPUT...
SO THE I-FIELD REQUIRES A SIMILARLY HIGH OUTPUT.
BUT, THE GUNDAM'S BASE OUTPUT OF 2000KW ISN'T ENOUGH TO OPERATE BOTH OF THESE MECHANISM.


KOU INTENDED TO SETTLE THINGS...
BEFORE GATO REALIZED THAT.
BUT, AS LONG AS THE I-FIELD IS BLOCKING HIS SERIES OF BEAM ATTACKS...
...IT'S LIKE YOU'VE PLUCKED OFF HIS WINGS.
NOT YET...
THE GUNDAM'S BASIC PROPULSION IS ENOUGH TO FIGHT...


IT'S OVER.



Chapter.80 [A Fierce Battle] END


Chapter.81 [War for Two]




OR, MAYBE THIS ISN'T, EH URAKI?!


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TCH!


URAKI, I NO LONGER UNDERESTI MATE YOU, NOR DO I LOOK DOWN UPON YOU ANYMORE.
I WILL DEFEAT YOU AS AN EQUAL ENEMY AND END THIS!
...
GET OFF IT!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LOSE TO YOU!
YOU STOLE UNIT 2, USED A NUCLEAR WARHEAD, AND YET WE COULDN'T STOP YOUR PLAN...
NOT EVEN THE COLONY...
BUT THAT'S PRE-CISELY WHY YOU...
...THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS WAR...


YOU, ANAVEL GATO...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE TO BEAT!


THIS IS THE LHASA BASE!
WE HAVE CONFIRMATION ON THE FALLING COLONY!
JABURO HQ, REQUESTING ORDERS.
THE COLONY REALLY ISN'T GOING TO LAND HERE. RESPOND, HQ!
LOOK, THERE IT IS!
I CAN SEE IT CLEARLY!
!...


THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON IN SPACE?


YES, KOU, THAT'S IT!
TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF POWER FROM THE I-FIELD, HIGH MOBILITY PROPULSION, AND BEAM SABERS...
YOU SHOULD MAKE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE GUNDAM'S NORMAL PROPULSION.
...
LIEUTENANT LAYZNER, WE'RE OUT OF TIME.
HOW IS WORK COMING ALONG OVER THERE?
EVERY-THING...
SHOULD BE FINE.
HAVE YOU BEGUN THE COUNT-DOWN?
YEAH, IT'S LINKED TO...
...THE SYSTEM.


COMMANDER NOWWEST...
I NEED YOU TO TELL THIS TO THE ALBION.
...
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO SAVE THE ENEMY SHIP?
PLEASE.
YOU COULD SAY THAT...
I OWE THEM...
...A DEBT.

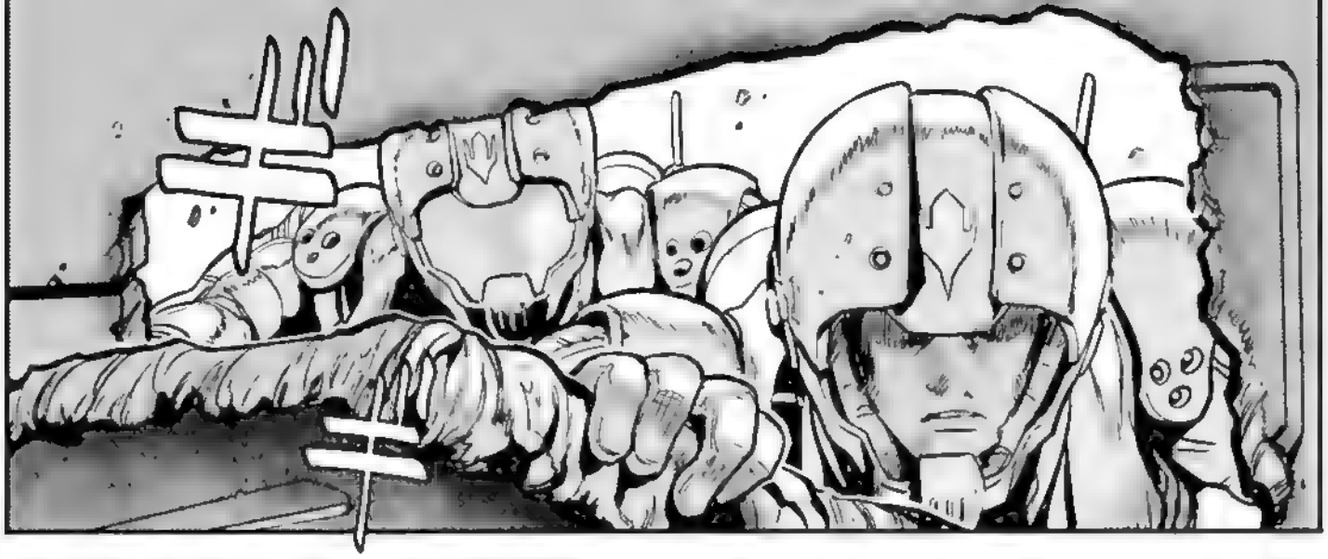

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "DEBT?"
!...
HEY! LIEUTENANT! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
LIEUTENANT LAYZNER!!

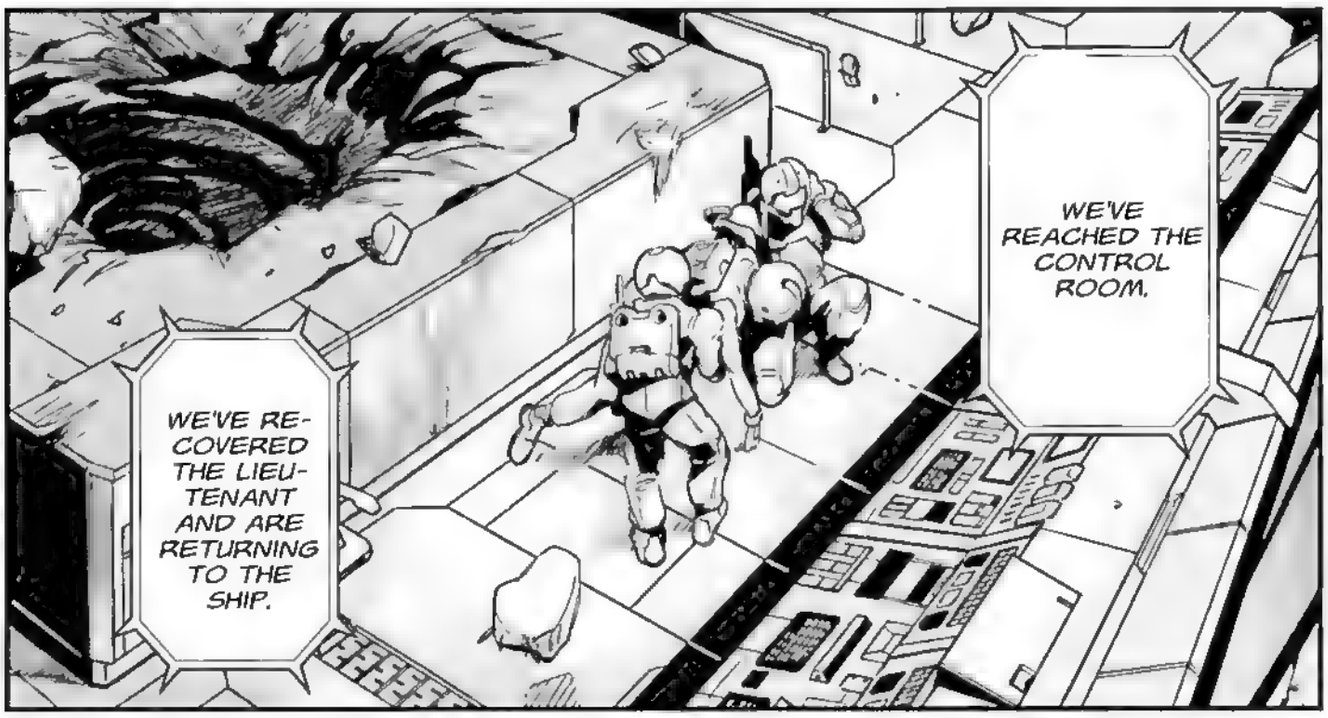

KELLY, PLEASE RESPOND!
KELLY!
!!
YOU CAN'T JUST DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THAT. STAY WITH ME!
YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO GET BACK TO LATEURA!
KELLY LAYZNER!
...
LATEURA...


OH!
WE'RE OUT OF TIME. ATTENTION, ALL HANDS!
WE'RE ABANDONING SHIP AND RETREATING FROM HERE! HEAD FOR THE STARBOARD HANGAR!
...
SO YOU JUST PLAN ON LEAVING KELLY BEHIND?


SOMEONE GET OUR GUEST HERE TO THE HANGAR AS WELL!
YOU CAN'T JUST DO THAT!






WE'VE REACHED THE CONTROL ROOM.
WE'VE RECOVERED THE LIEUTENANT AND ARE RETURNING TO THE SHIP.


COMMANDER GATO ASKED ME TO LOOK AFTER THE LIEUTENANT AS WELL.
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
NOW, GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.
OH...
ALL HANDS, WE'RE GETTING THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!


COMMS OFFICER, WAIT.
SIR?
IS DATA TRANSMISSION TO THE FEDERATION SHIP POSSIBLE?
...
UNF SPACY ALBION
CAPTAIN! PERMISSION TO SPEAK FREELY, IF I MAY, SIR!
WE SHOULD HEAD OUTSIDE THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE COLONY AND BREAK AWAY!
...
...
YES, BUT AT THE RATE WE'RE DESCENDING, IT'LL CAUSE CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE TO THE ALBION.
IT'S BETTER THAN BLOWING UP ALONG WITH THE COLONY, ISN'T IT?


THE ALBION WILL NOW PASS THROUGH THE UPPER DAMAGE AREA AND PULL BACK FROM THE COLONY!
A CERTAIN DEGREE OF DAMAGE IS INEVITABLE.
...


WHAT DOES IT SAY?
THE ZEON...
THIS FREQUENCY IT'S ON SHOWS IT'S A MESSAGE FROM THE ZEON.


DEPLOY OUR MINOVSKY CRAFT. PREPARE FOR SHOCK FROM DECELERATION.
CAPTAIN SYNAPSE!
I'M PICKING UP A DATA TRANSMISSION FROM INSIDE THE COLONY THAT'S BEING SENT TO OUR SHIP.


IT APPEARS TO BE DATA INDICATING HOW TO LEAVE THE COLONY.


KELLY LAYZNER...
THAT ZEON LIEUTENANT?
"I WISH YOUR SHIP A SAFE ESCAPE. KELLY LAYZNER."
THERE'S A POSTSCRIPT! "TO THE ALBION..."


AS LONG AS BOTH OF OUR I-FIELDS ARE DEPLOYED, NEITHER ONE OF US IS GOING TO GET ANYWHERE.
STILL, IF I CAN CLOSE THE GAP AND GET WITHIN A ZERO RANGE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HIT HIM WITH MY SABERS.


GUESS I DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE...
...OTHER THAN THRUSTING RIGHT FOR HIM!!


HE'S USING THE I-FIELD AS A SHIELD AND CLOSING THE DISTANCE FROM RIGHT IN FRONT?
IT'S POINTLESS! I'LL JUST KNOCK HIM OFF!


JUST SO HE COULD BAIT ME INTO ATTACKING?!
HE DIDN'T DEPLOY HIS I-FIELD...

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I THOUGHT I COULD CUT HIS TORSO IN HALF AND STOP HIM...
BUT IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT...
HE DE-FLECTED AND DODGED ME...
I NEVER EXPECTED URAKI TO INFLICT THAT MUCH DAMAGE TO ME.
GUESS I'M STILL UN-DERESTI-MATING HIM.


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GET EVERY-ONE OUT OF HERE! MOVE IT!
WE'LL LOSE OUR CHANCE TO BREAK AWAY IF WE DON'T!
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Chapter.81 [War for Two] END

MOBILE SUIT

GUNDAM 0083 REBELLION

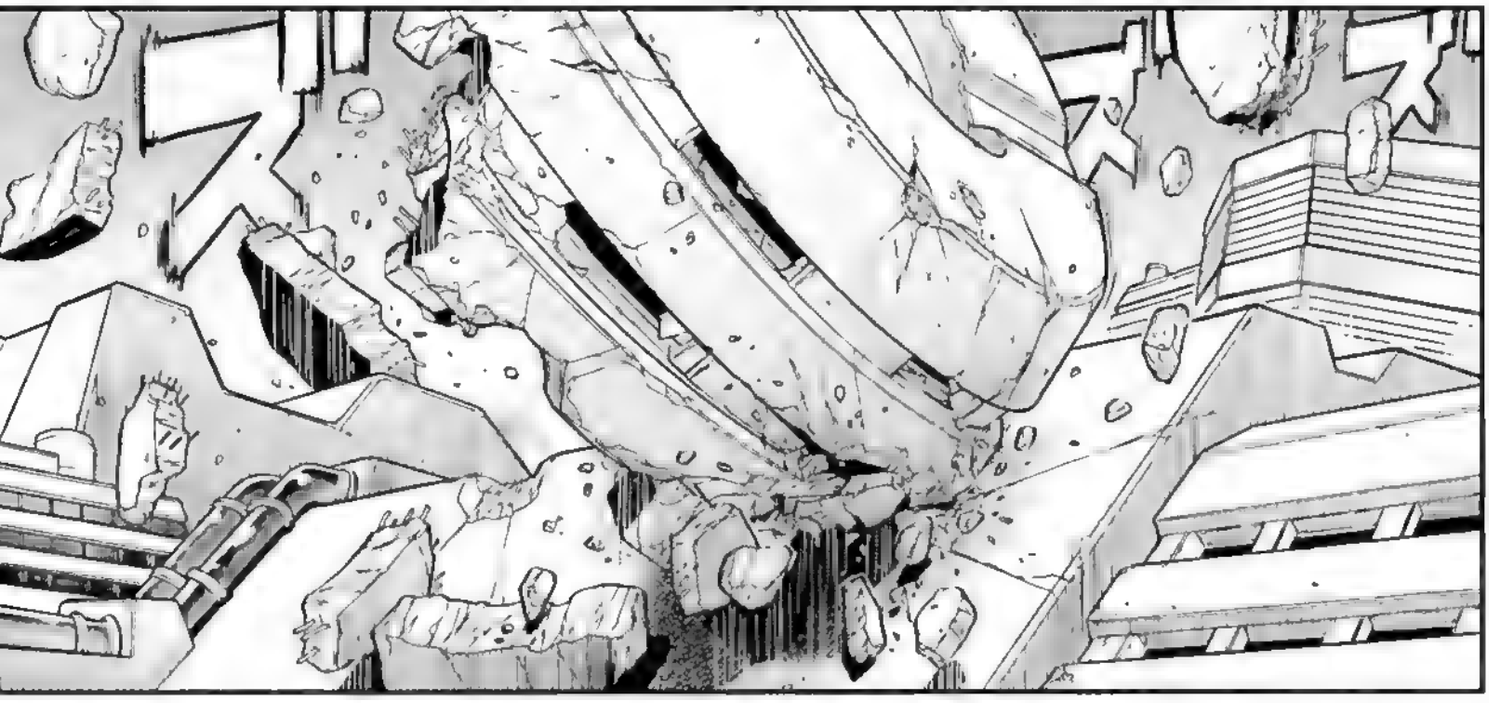
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STARDUST MEMORIES


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NNGH...
I CAN FEEL MY BODY GETTING HEAVIER...
WE'VE BEEN PULLED IN BY EARTH'S GRAVITY.
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.


JUST A LITTLE LONGER, AND I CAN FINALLY SETTLE THIS BATTLE WITH GATO!
MOVE FOR ME, GUNDAM!!

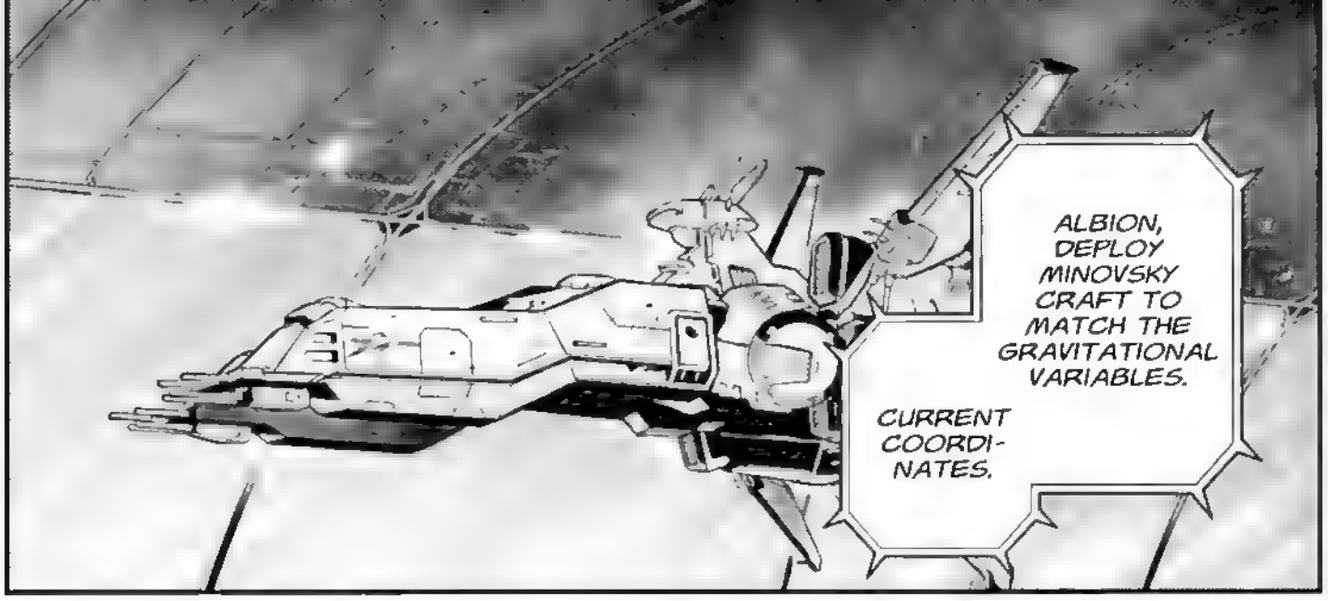

THE FEDERATION WILL NEVER CHANGE SO LONG AS THEY REFUSE TO BREAK FREE FROM THEIR INDOLENT CRADLE.
GRAVITY.

SO LONG AS THEIR ELITISM CONTINUES TO REJECT US OVER THE FEAR OF SPACENOID IN-DEPENDENCE.
NOR WILL THIS CONFLICT EVER END...


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EVEN IF OUR STRUGGLE ENDS HERE, THE CAUSE WE HAVE SHOWN...
WILL GO ON TO BE A BEACON FOR THOSE THAT FOLLOW.


DOES A BASTARD LIKE YOU EVEN COMPREHEND THAT?
URAKI!!

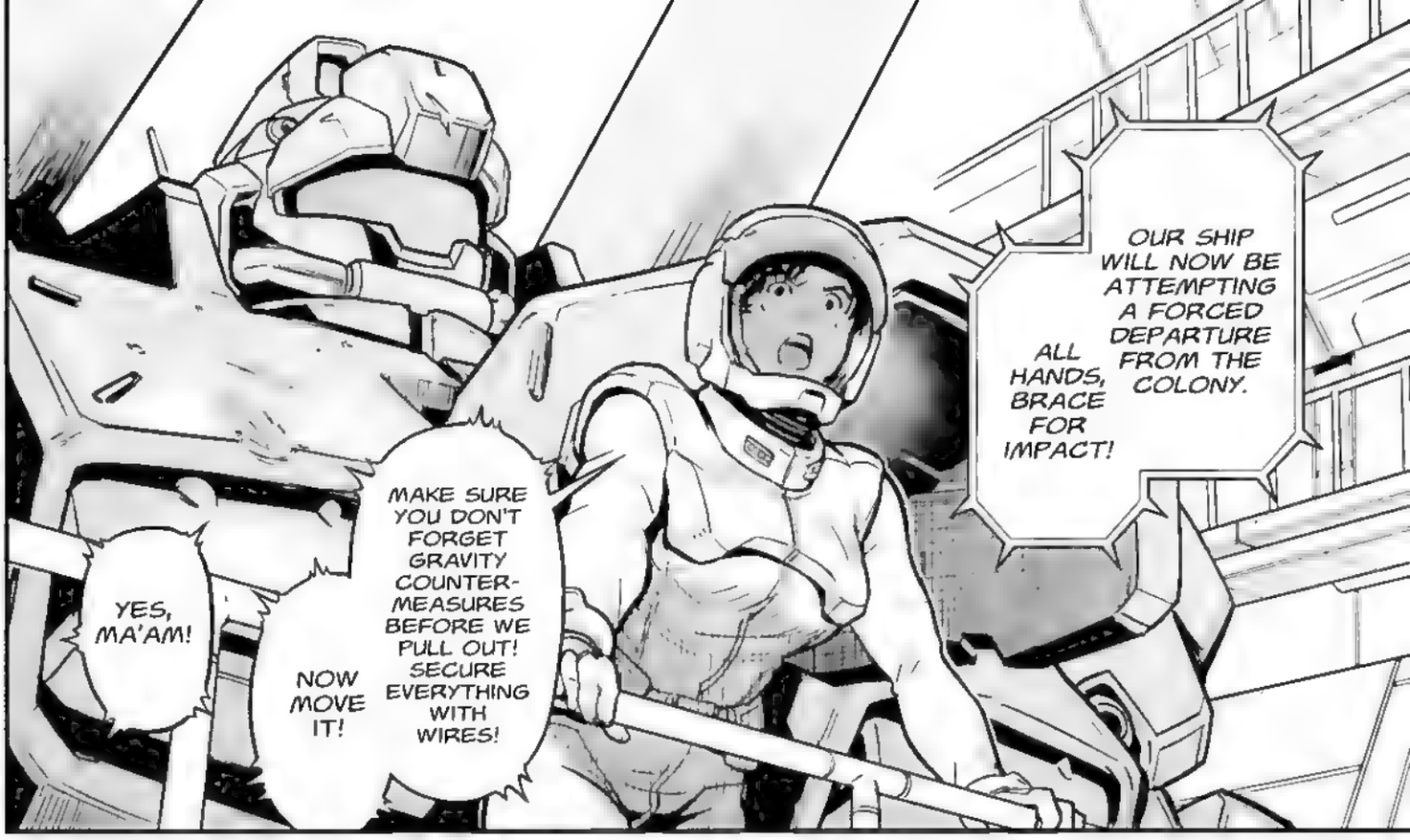

NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE...
DROPPING A COLONY IS NOT THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT!
KELLY AND I BOTH KNOW!
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!

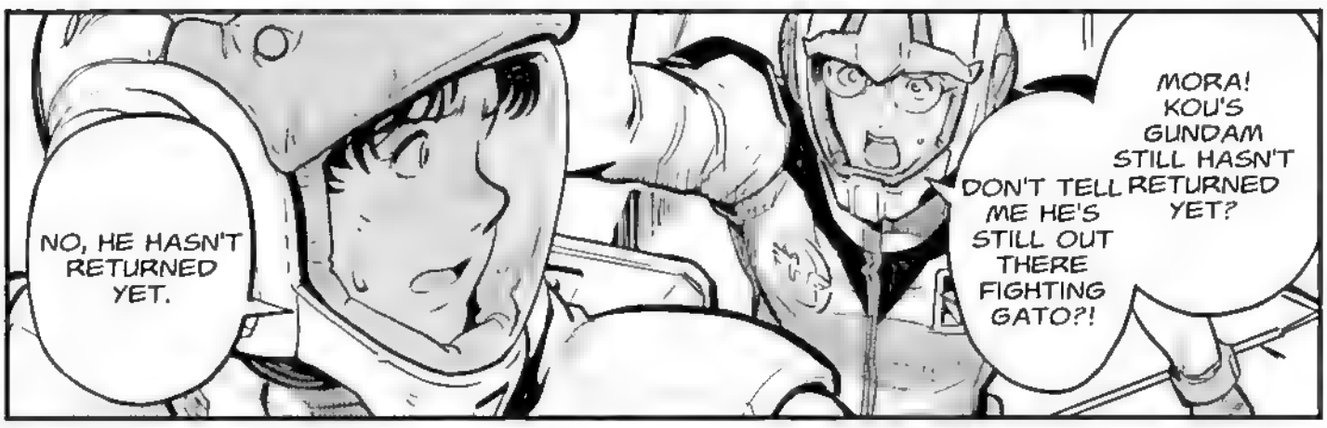

ALBION, DEPLOY MINOVSKY CRAFT TO MATCH THE GRAVITATIONAL VARIABLES.
CURRENT COORDI-NATES.


I DETER-MINED THE ODDS WERE IN OUR FAVOR.
WE PLACED OUR TRUST IN KELLY THE MOMENT WE PUT HIM IN THE GUNDAM.


EITHER WAY, OUR SHIP WILL SUSTAIN DAMAGE.
BUT SIR, CAN WE HONESTLY TRUST INTEL FROM OUR ENEMY?


ATTENTION ALL CREW
ANYONE NOT ON DUTY IS TO EVACUATE TO THE CENTRAL BLOCK OF THE SHIP! STRAP IN AND BRACE FOR IMPACT!


OUR SHIP WILL NOW BE ATTEMPTING A FORCED DEPARTURE FROM THE COLONY.
ALL HANDS, BRACE FOR IMPACT!
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FORGET GRAVITY COUNTER-MEASURES BEFORE WE PULL OUT! SECURE EVERYTHING WITH WIRES!
NOW MOVE IT!
YES, MA'AM!

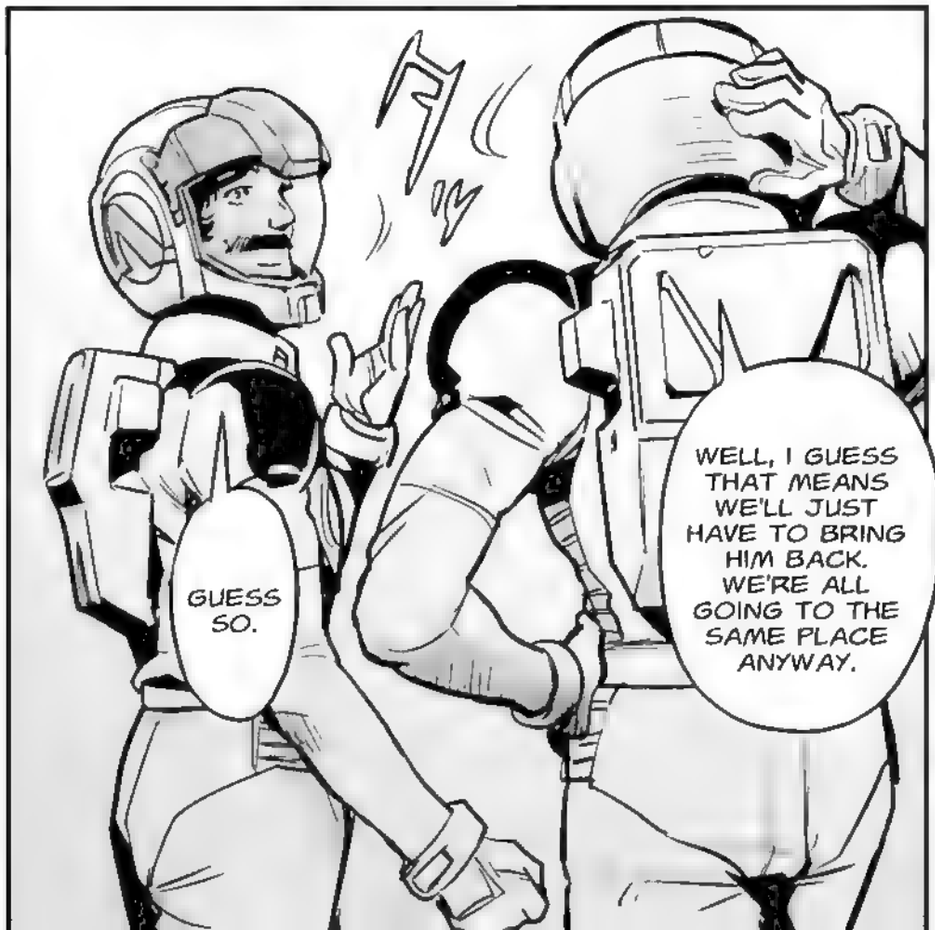

MORA! KOU'S GUNDAM STILL HASN'T RETURNED YET?
DON'T TELL ME HE'S STILL OUT THERE FIGHTING GATO?!
NO, HE HASN'T RETURNED YET.


THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO HEAD OUT TO HELP HIM.
OH NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'LL NEVER GET CLEARANCE TO HEAD OUT ANYWAY!

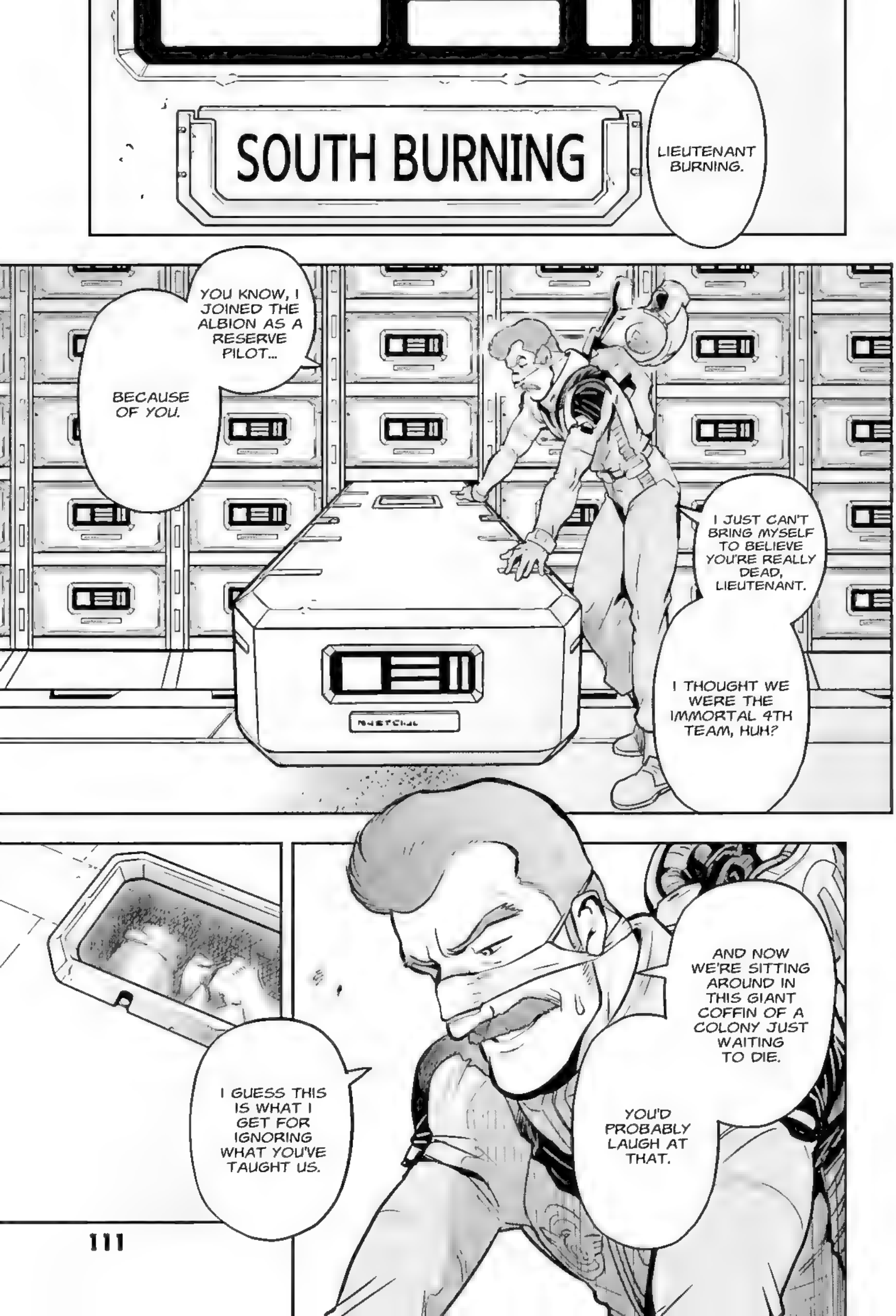

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GOD, I'M SO PATHETIC THAT I CAN'T EVEN GO OUT...
AND HELP MY FRIEND.
KEITH...
I'M POSITIVE URAKI WILL RETURN!
AND THE SAME GOES FOR NINA!
ALL WE CAN DO FOR THE TWO OF THEM...
...IS WELCOME THEM BACK WITH A SMILE ON OUR FACES.
MORA...
I'M ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THOSE TWO WILL BE BACK!
HOLD ON THERE, LIEU-TENANT BATE!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DISEMBARK FROM YOUR MOBILE SUIT.


JUST LET ME HAVE THIS, WOULD YA? IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I'M AT WHEN THE COLONY FALLS; NOTHING WILL SAVE ME.
LIEUTENANT MONSHA SAID THE SAME THING, AND HE STILL HASN'T COME BACK.
HEY, A MAN'S GOTTA DO HIS BUSINESS! I'M HITTING THE CAN! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
PILOTS ARE TO REMAIN IN THEIR COCKPITS.
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT IN THE COCKPIT, PLEASE.


GUESS SO.
WELL, I GUESS THAT MEANS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BRING HIM BACK. WE'RE ALL GOING TO THE SAME PLACE ANYWAY.


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SOUTH BURNING
LIEUTENANT BURNING.
YOU KNOW, I JOINED THE ALBION AS A RESERVE PILOT...
BECAUSE OF YOU.
I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE YOU'RE REALLY DEAD, LIEUTENANT.
I THOUGHT WE WERE THE IMMORTAL 4TH TEAM, HUH?
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR IGNORING WHAT YOU'VE TAUGHT US.
AND NOW WE'RE SITTING AROUND IN THIS GIANT COFFIN OF A COLONY JUST WAITING TO DIE.
YOU'D PROBABLY LAUGH AT THAT.


I AVENGED YOU, LIEUTENANT.
I KILLED KELLY LAYZNER, THE BASTARD WHO DID THIS TO YOU!
THOUGH I'M SURE THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE WANTED, LIEUTENANT.


I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE IN THE MORGUE, MONSHA.


HE SAID THAT A LOT WHEN WE WERE ATTACHED TO THE 2ND COMBINED FLEET.
OH, YOU MEAN WHEN HE'D SAY, "DON'T BRING YOUR HATRED ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD."?
WHAT HE TAUGHT US?
I JUST WANTED TO SAY MY FINAL FAREWELLS TO THE LIEUTENANT, YA KNOW?
AND APOLOGIZE FOR IGNORING WHAT HE TAUGHT US.


YEAH, BACK WHEN WE WERE MAKING OUR INCURSION OPERATION IN THE SOLOMON CORRIDOR.
WHEN OUR MOTHERSHIP WAS SUNK, I WAS SO PISSED OFF...
THAT I NEARLY CHARGED STRAIGHT IN WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT OUR DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH, AND THE LIEUTENANT CHEWED ME OUT.
KEEP YOUR COOL, MONSHA!
THE FIRST ONE TO BRING HATRED ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD DIES THE QUICKEST!
FIRST, WE SURVIVE. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF MY TEAM!
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DID AFTER THAT.
THEY STARTED CALLING US THE IMMORTAL 4TH TEAM SINCE THEN.
YEAH.
WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE WE FOLLOWED YOUR TEACHINGS.

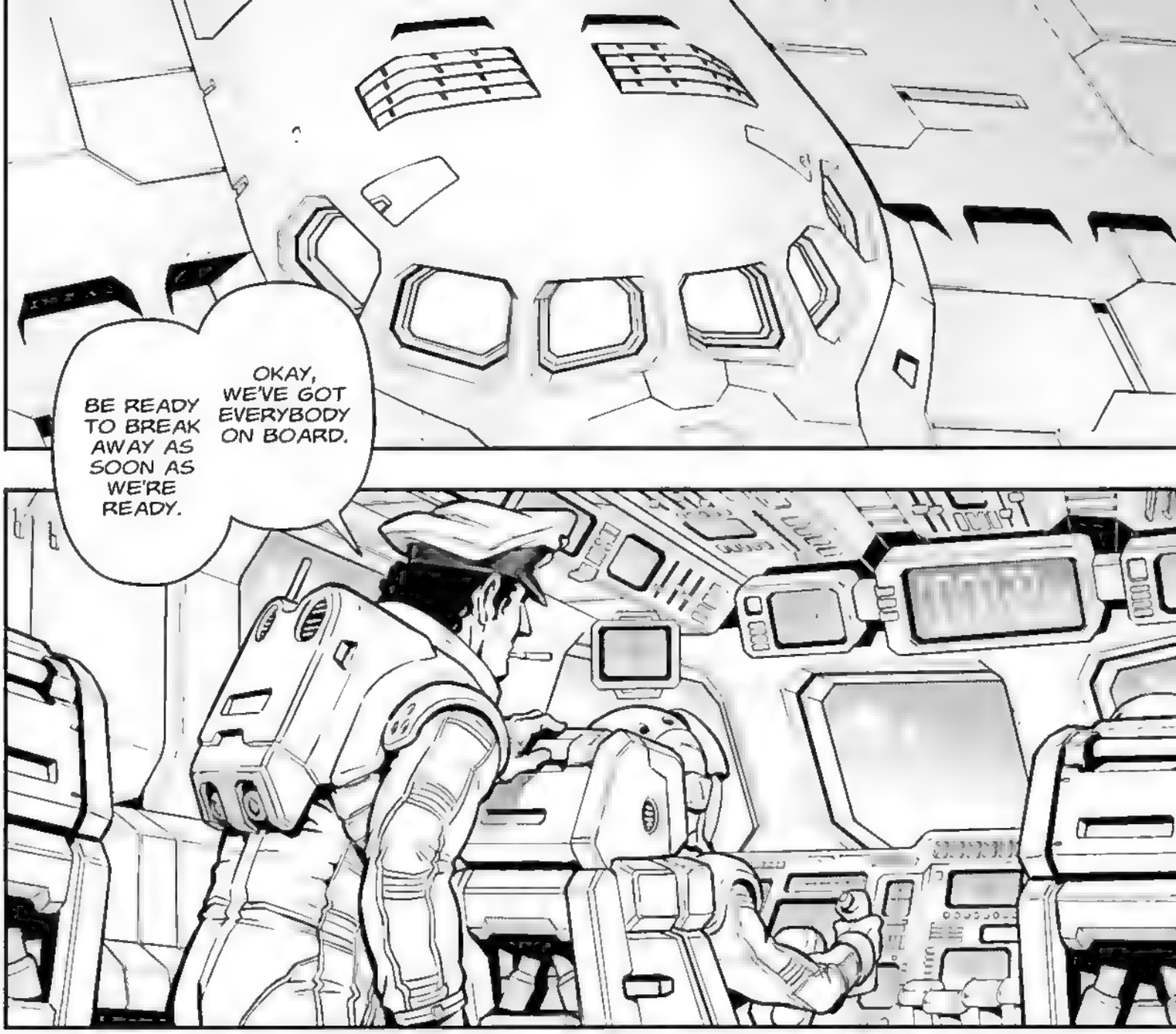

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AND YET I JUST COULDN'T FREAKING TAKE IT!
I COULDN'T FORGIVE KELLY FOR KILLING THE LIEUTENANT!
I MEAN, FIGHTING WITH HIM LIKE HE WAS ONE OF US?
I CAN'T FORGIVE URAKI FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, EITHER!


OH!
HERE YOU ALL ARE! HURRY BACK TO YOUR MOBILE SUITS!
I TOLD YOU WE'D BE RIGHT BACK, DIDN'T I?
IT'S NOT LIKE HURRYING BACK IS GOING TO MAKE THE SITUATION ANY BETTER, YOU KNOW!
THAT'S TRUE, SIR, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THE ZEON HAS PROVIDED US...
WITH SOME HELPFUL INTEL REGARDING US BREAKING AWAY FROM THE COLONY.

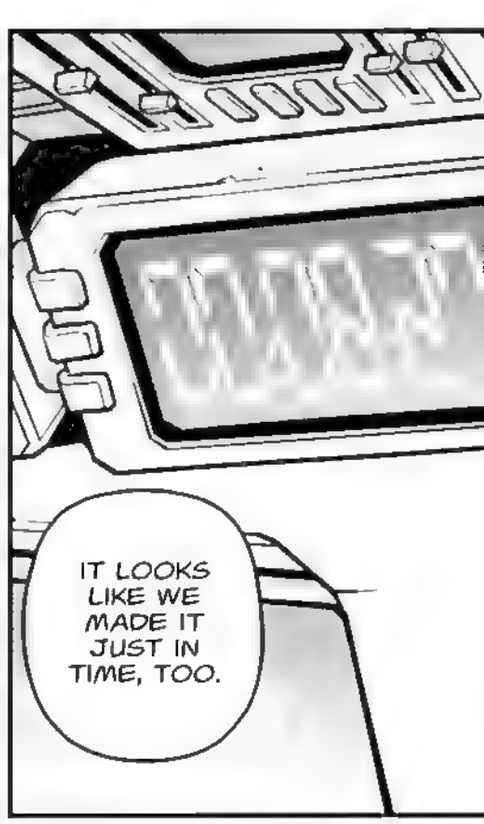

FROM THE ZEON?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
THAT ZEON SOLDIER WE TOOK PRISONER EARLIER, LAYZNER OR WHATEVER...
SENT A MESSAGE TO OUR SHIP JUST NOW.
LAYZ-NER...
THAT BASTARD'S STILL ALIVE?!
YOU'RE FUCKING JOKING, RIGHT?
I FAILED TO AVENGE THE LIEUTENANT...
AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING HE'S GONNA HELP US?
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I CAN ACCEPT THAT! NO WAY AT ALL!
TELL ME WHAT THIS ALL MEANS!


IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT BY SURVIVING...
LIEUTENANT BURNING?
WE'RE TRANSFER-RING THE LIEUTENANT. HE'S STILL ALIVE.
BRING THE STRETCH-ER HERE.
WE'LL TREAT HIM!


CAPTAIN, WE'VE ALSO BROUGHT BACK THE CHIEF'S BODY.
THE SOLOMON MOBILE ARMOR PILOT... TRULY A TOUGH MAN, AS THE RUMORS SAY.
I SEE... WELL DONE.
I'VE ADMINISTERED APPROPRIATE FIRST AID MEASURES, SO I CAN SAFELY SAY SAY HE'S IN STABLE CONDITION RIGHT NOW.
HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD AND IS GOING INTO SHOCK.
KELLY!
...!
LATEURA...


OKAY, WE'VE GOT EVERYBODY ON BOARD.
BE READY TO BREAK AWAY AS SOON AS WE'RE READY.


CAPTAIN NOWWEST, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
COULD YOU CONFIRM THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE NEUE ZIEL AND THE GUNDAM ON THE MONITOR?


IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME, TOO.


I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THOSE TWO ON AN OPEN CHANNEL.
THEN LET ME COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, PLEASE.
GIVE IT UP ALREADY!
HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT WE CAN'T OPERATE THE MONITORS FROM HERE.


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I SHOULD'VE FIGURED THAT HIS MOBILE ARMOR'S ARMOR IS THICK!
AT THIS DISTANCE, THE RIFLE WOULD ONLY SCRATCH IT!
PLUS, THE WEAPON SYSTEM'S MAIN BOOSTERS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OUTPUT IN A GRAVITY SPHERE!


SO, THAT MEANS I HAVE TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD, DRAW IN CLOSE TO HIM, AND TAKE HIM DOWN WITH A MELEE ATTACK!
KYOH

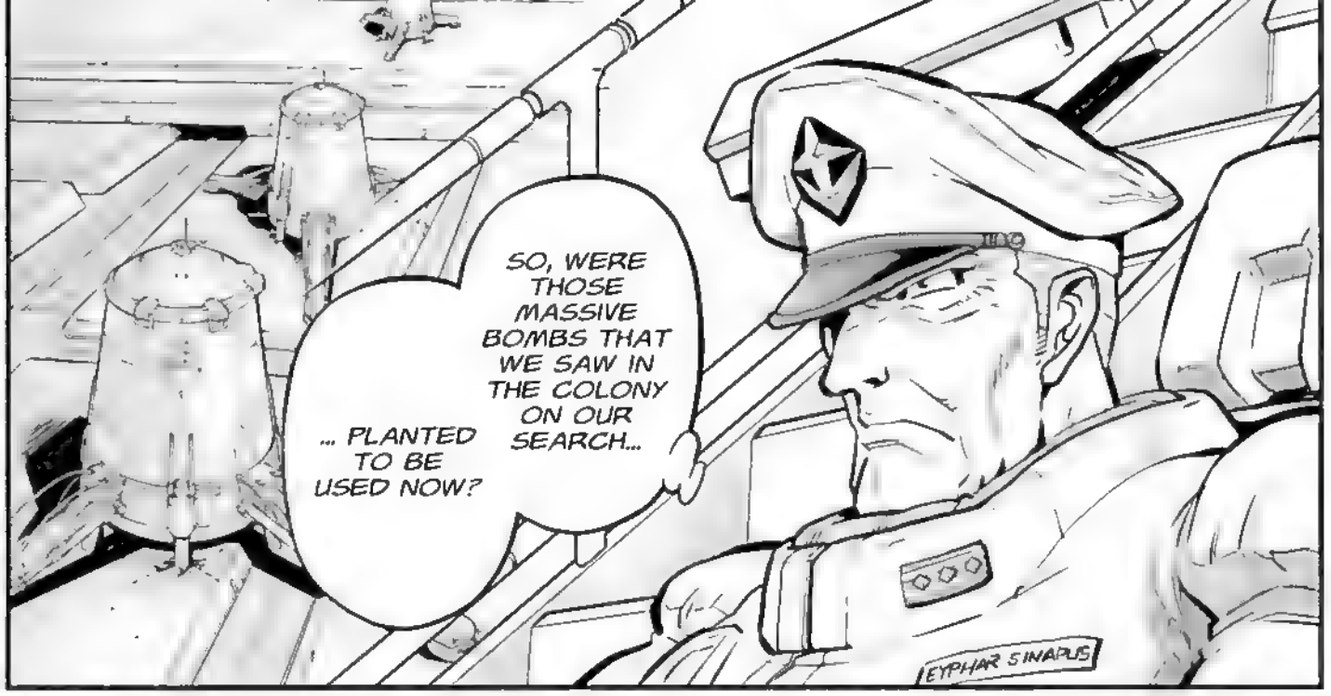

STILL, GUNDAM UNIT 3'S STAMEN IS DESIGNED FOR ZERO-G USE.
IT'S NOT GONNA MOVE WITHOUT ADJUSTING ITS BALANCER! I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT WITH UNIT 1!
BUT GATO'S MOBILE ARMOR IS IN THE SAME BOAT, BUT ITS WEIGHT PUTS HIM AT A DISADVANTAGE.
NO, THAT'S HIS FATAL FLAW!


THIS IS OVER, GATO!
KOU!
GATO!

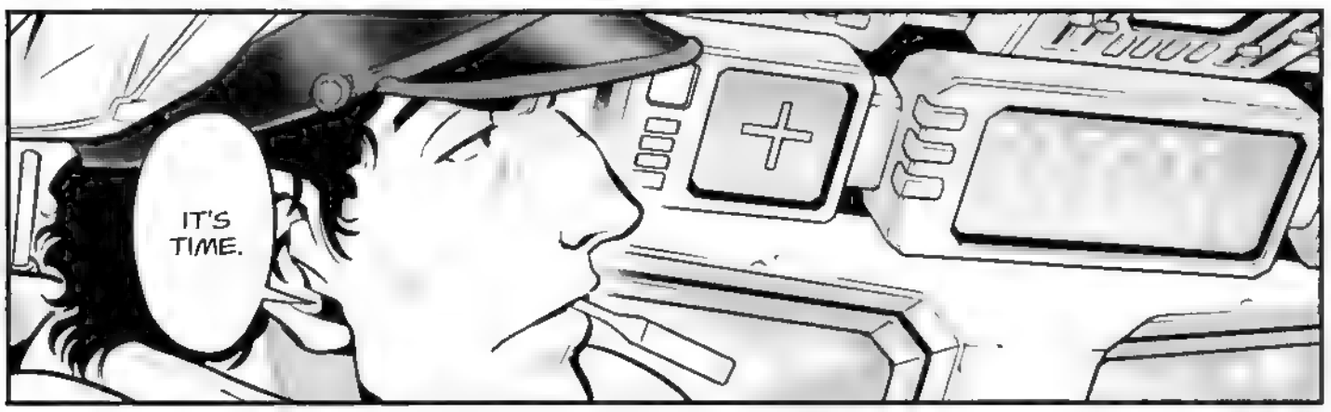

NINA?
I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY PUT AN END TO THIS FIGHT BETWEEN YOU TWO.
NEITHER THE GUNDAM NOR THE NEUE ZIEL CAN OPERATE UNDER GRAVITY.
OR IS IT THAT YOU CAN'T BE SURE YOU'VE WON UNTIL YOU'VE KILLED YOUR OPPONENT?
WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO DIE IN VAIN?
IT IS NOT IN VAIN!!


THE COLONY WILL FALL TO EARTH, AND NOTHING WILL CHANGE THAT. LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE.
I CAN TELL YOU THAT EVEN THOSE LIVES ARE NOT IN VAIN, GATO.
I KNOW THE ENDGAME TO OPERATION STARDUST.
WE CAN SEE IT THROUGH BECAUSE KELLY AGREED TO HELP US REDUCE THE DAMAGE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
DO YOU HAVE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST UNDERSTANDING OF JUST HOW HE FEELS...
GATO?!
Y-YOU MEAN KELLY IS ALIVE?!
NINA!!
YES, HE'S BEING TREATED AS WE SPEAK.
HE'S IN STABLE CONDITION.


KELLY IS ALIVE...
ANY MINUTE NOW, AND WE'LL FIND OUT WHETHER LAYZNER'S INTEL IS CORRECT.
PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE.
EVASIVE MANEUVERS ARE LEFT TO THE HELMSMAN'S DISCRETION!


SO, WERE THOSE MASSIVE BOMBS THAT WE SAW IN THE COLONY ON OUR SEARCH...
... PLANTED TO BE USED NOW?
EYPHAR SINAPUS


SO, THIS WILL REVEAL HIS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE?
QUITE THE RESOURCEFUL GENERAL, THAT DELAZ.


IT'S TIME.


WATCHING THE TWO OF YOU FIGHT ONE ANOTHER MADE ME REALIZE...
...EXACTLY WHAT IT IS THAT I HAVE TO DO.


WHICH IS WHY THE TWO OF YOU HAVE TO FIGHT IN ORDER TO SURVIVE!
I WILL FIGHT MY OWN BATTLE.





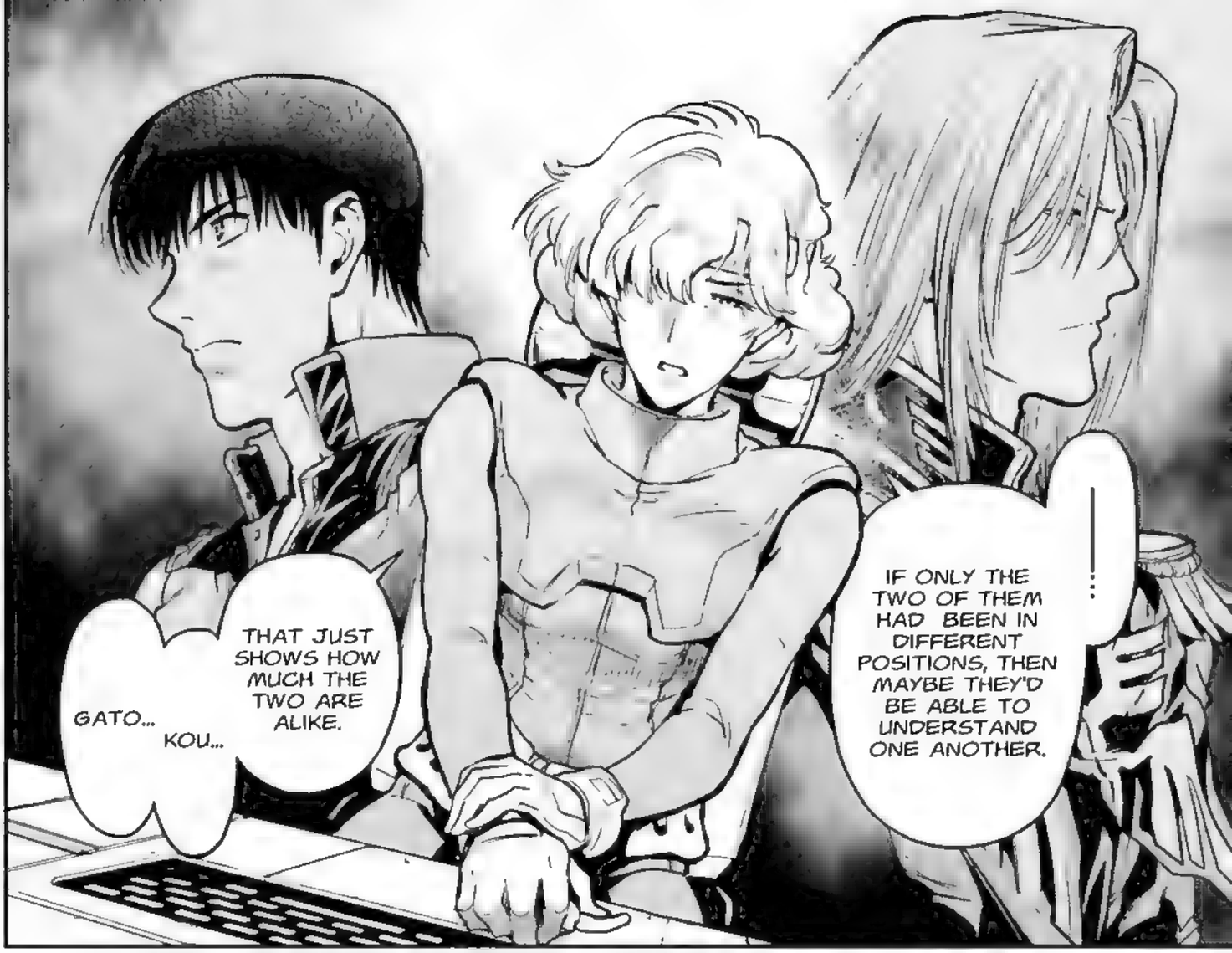
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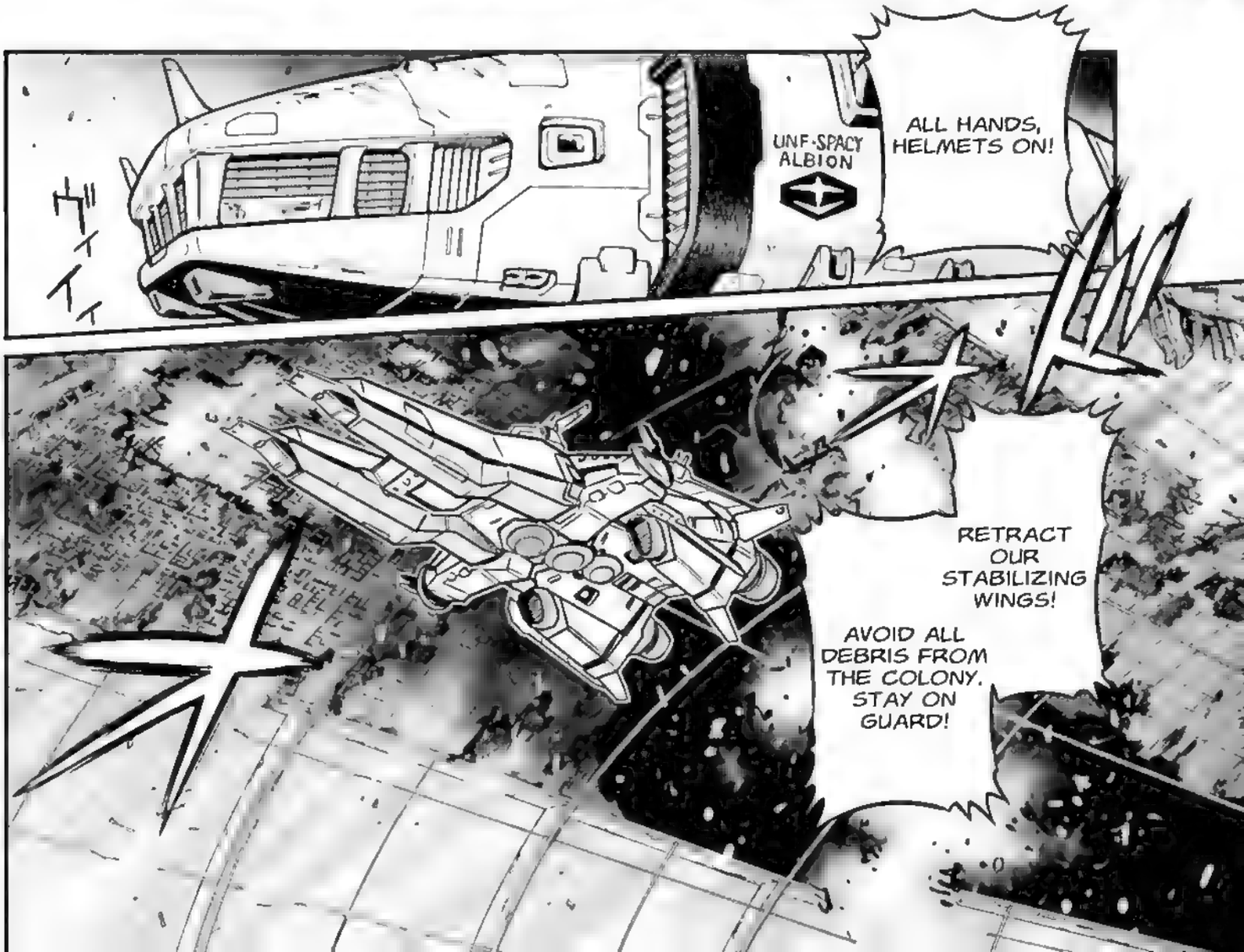

Chapter.83 [A Fracturing Colony]
SO THEY PLANTED EXPLOSIVES ON THE COLONY?
BUT WHAT GOOD IS DESTROYING THE COLONY NOW GOING TO DO?


WE CANNOT TAKE OUT THE FEDERATION AS AN ENTITY SIMPLY BY STRIKING JABURO.
IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE SPACENOID'S CAUSE...
THAT IS WHY WE ARE DROPPING THE COLONY!
THEN WHY? WHY NOT TARGET JABURO?!
GATO!!
OPERATION STARDUST SHOULD'VE DESTROYED THE FEDERATION FORCES!


YOU WILL COME TO REALIZE THAT IN TIME.
THIS IS ALL YOUR DOING!
NO MATTER WHAT, DROPPING A COLONY IS NOTHING BUT A SLAUGHTER!
HMPH.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, SEEING AS YOU'RE FAVORED TO WIN!


SO LONG AS YOU'RE A SOLDIER OF THAT ENTITY THAT CALLS ITSELF THE FEDERATION, YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE!
DON'T EVER STOP THINKING, URAKI!!
THE BIGGER PICTURE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING A PILOT!
YOU DEFEAT THE ENEMY BEFORE YOU; THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
...


IF ONLY THE TWO OF THEM HAD BEEN IN DIFFERENT POSITIONS, THEN MAYBE THEY'D BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER.
!!!
THAT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH THE TWO ARE ALIKE.
GATO...
KOU...


UNF·SPACY ALBION
ALL HANDS, HELMETS ON!
RETRACT OUR STABILIZING WINGS!
AVOID ALL DEBRIS FROM THE COLONY. STAY ON GUARD!


DEBRIS IS INCOMING FROM ONE O'CLOCK!
I'M ENTRUSTING YOU WITH EVASIVE MANEUVERS, LIEUTENANT PASAROV!
YES, SIR!


WITHOUT THAT INTEL FROM LAYZNER, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED BEING CAUGHT UP IN THOSE EXPLOSIONS.
STILL, IF WE DON'T GET THROUGH THIS, THERE'D BE NO POINT TO IT ALL.
OUR SHIP CANNOT GO DOWN!
WAAAH! WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!
PIPE DOWN!
THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC!

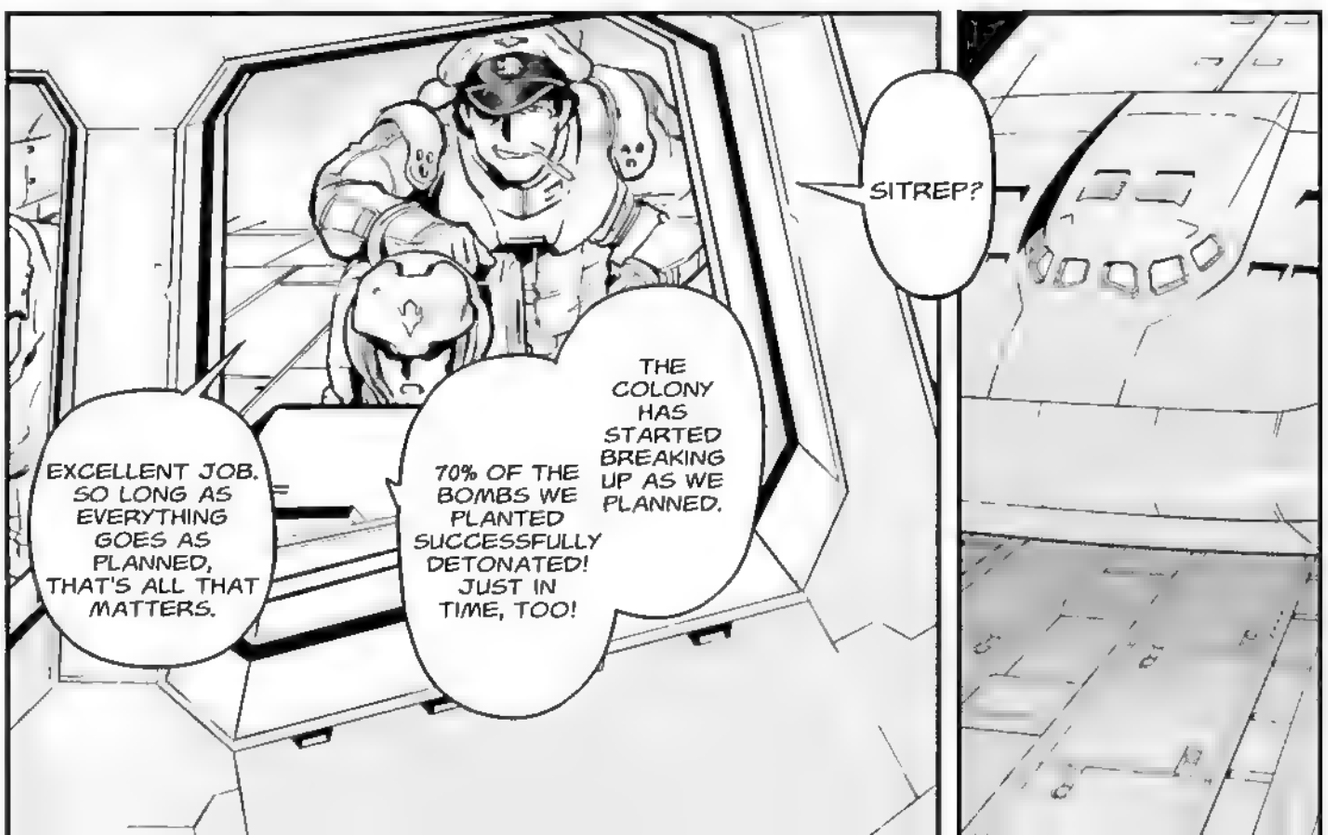

THE ALBION IS NOT GOING DOWN JUST BECAUSE OF THIS!
TRUST IN THE CAPTAIN!
WE WILL NOT DIE. WE WILL SURVIVE!
DIRECTLY IN FRONT! MULTIPLE DEBRIS FRAGMENTS!
I-I CAN'T AVOID THEM THEM ALL!
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SHIT...

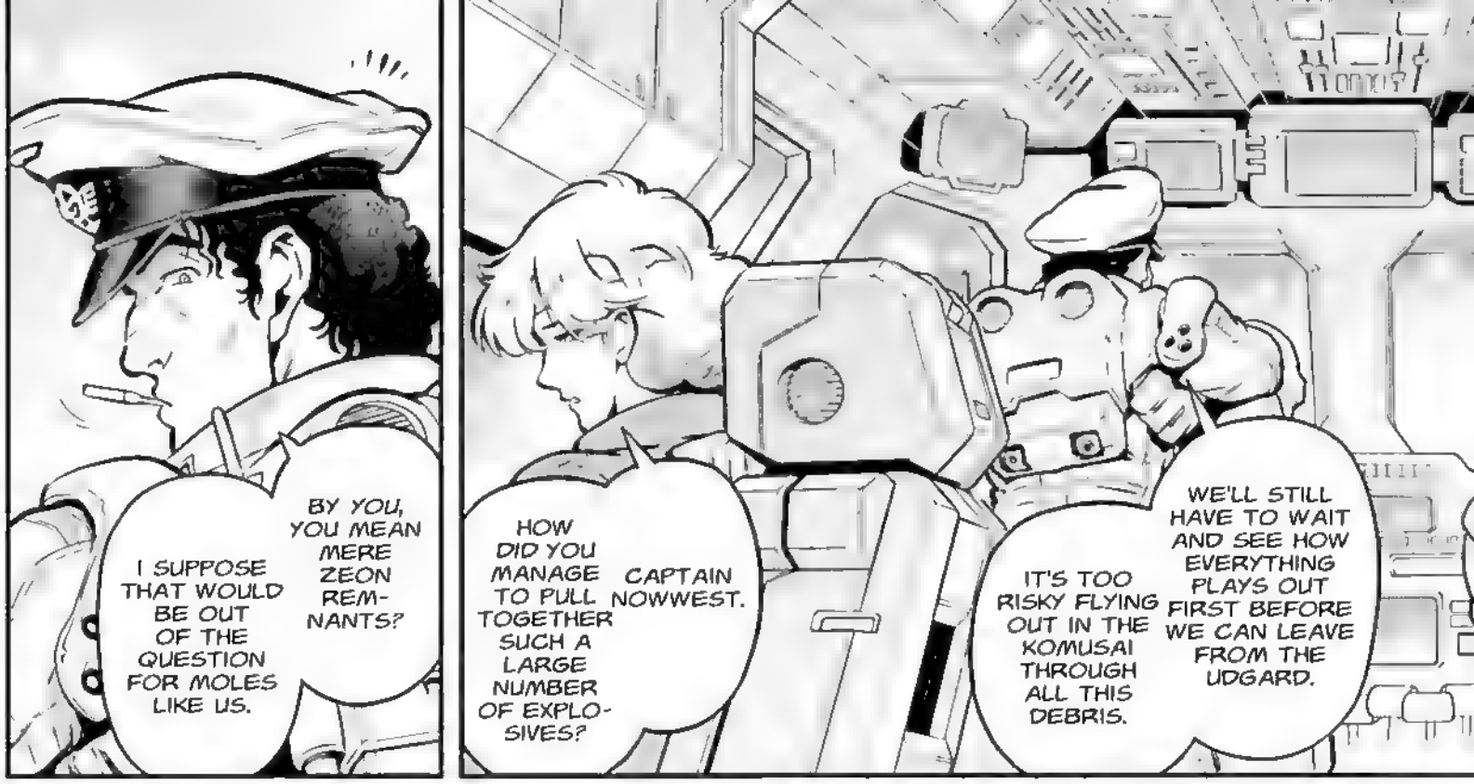

GUNNERY CHIEF!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE! BLAST EVERY PIECE OF DEBRIS THAT GETS NEAR US!
YES, SIR!


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IT'S BEEN EVER SINCE WE WERE ASSIGNED TO THIS UNIT...
I CAN'T DO THIS MUCH ANYMORE. IT'S BECAUSE WE GOT INVOLVED WITH THE GUNDAMS... SHIT!
KOU...
IT'S WEIRD, ISN'T IT? EVEN THOUGH I'M PROBABLY ABOUT TO DIE AND ALL...
I CAN'T HELP BUT KEEP THINKING ABOUT YOU, MAN.


A LOT SURE HAS HAPPENED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS...
...BEFORE WE GOT WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
THERE WAS NEVER A DULL MOMENT WITH YOU, THOUGH!
EH, KOU?!




SITREP?
THE COLONY HAS STARTED BREAKING UP AS WE PLANNED.
70% OF THE BOMBS WE PLANTED SUCCESSFULLY DETONATED! JUST IN TIME, TOO!
EXCELLENT JOB. SO LONG AS EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.


I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR MOLES LIKE US.
BY YOU, YOU MEAN MERE ZEON REMNANTS?
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO PULL TOGETHER SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF EXPLOSIVES?
CAPTAIN NOWWEST.
IT'S TOO RISKY FLYING OUT IN THE KOMUSAI THROUGH ALL THIS DEBRIS.
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW EVERYTHING PLAYS OUT FIRST BEFORE WE CAN LEAVE FROM THE UDGARD.


THAT'S HOW THEY REFER TO THE SCATTERED MEN FROM THE ONE YEAR WAR.
HIDDEN IN UNDER-GROUND FACILITIES AROUND THE GRANADA BASE UNBE-KNOWNST TO THE FED-ERATION.
MOLES?

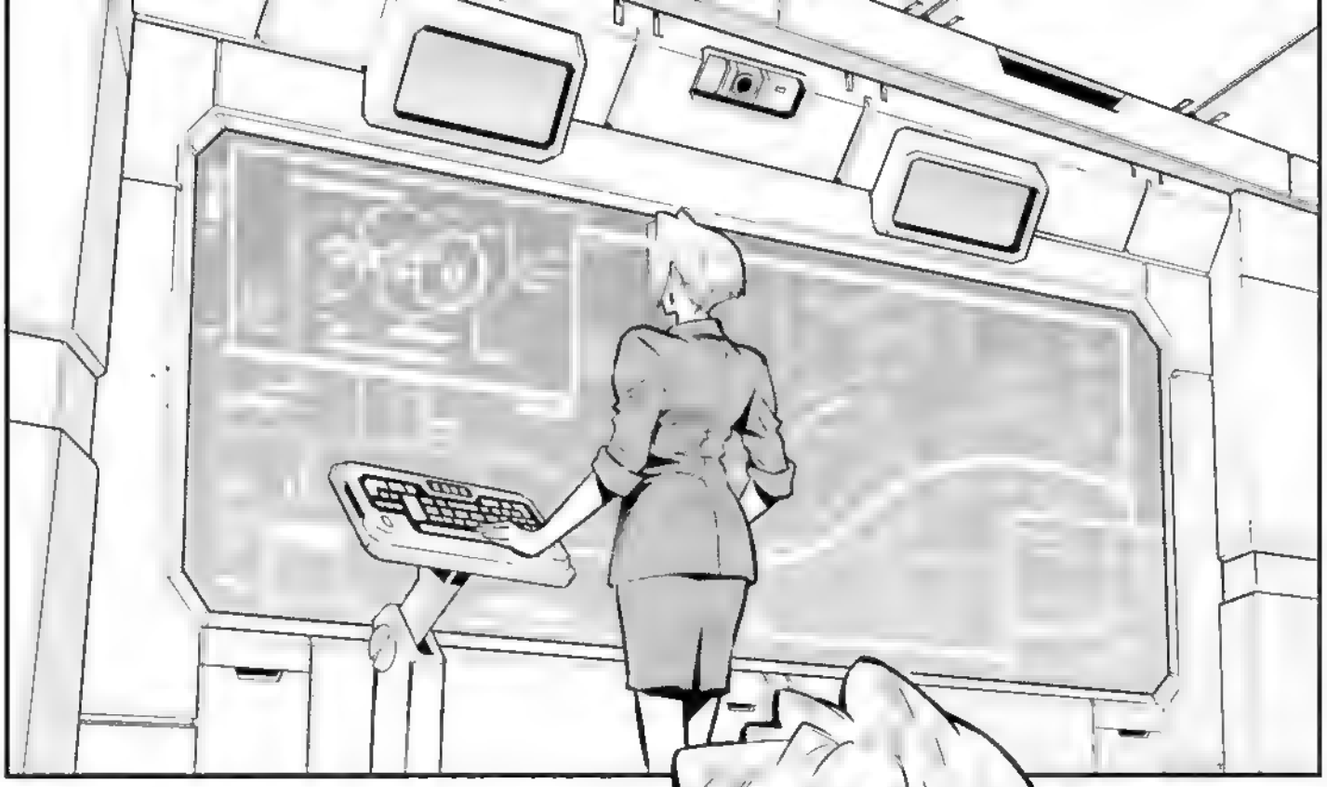

WE'LL BE USING THEM TO FINISH OFF OPERATION STARDUST. SPECIFICALLY, TO BLOW UP THE COLONY.
IS HIS EXCELLENCY PLANNING TO STRIKE A FEDERATION BASE WITH THEM, COMMANDER CIMA?
FIVE PAPUA TRANSPORTS LOADED WITH SPECIAL ROCK-BUSTER EXPLOSIVES?
THREE YEARS AFTER THE WAR CAME TO AN END...
DELAZ'S DECISION TO TAKE ON THE FEDERATION WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE FOR ALL OF US.


AFTER GATO STRIKES SOLOMON
MY FLEET WILL CAPTURE AN UNMANNED COLONY IN TRANSIT.
THEN, WE'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH YOUR FLEET NEAR LUNA...
WHERE YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF INSTALLING THESE EXPLOSIVES.
A COLONY DROP.
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT OPERATION STARDUST HIS EXCELLENCY DRAFTED WAS A REENACTMENT OF THE NIGHTMARE OF THE ONE YEAR WAR.
I KNOW HOW THIS MAKES YOU FEEL.
WE MARINES HAVE NO DESIRE TO SEE A COLONY DROPPED, EITHER.
STILL, NO MATTER HOW MANY DEFEATED AND EXILED SOLDIERS RISE UP...
THERE'S NO WAY ANY OF THEM WILL EVER SUCCEED AGAINST THE FEDERATION.

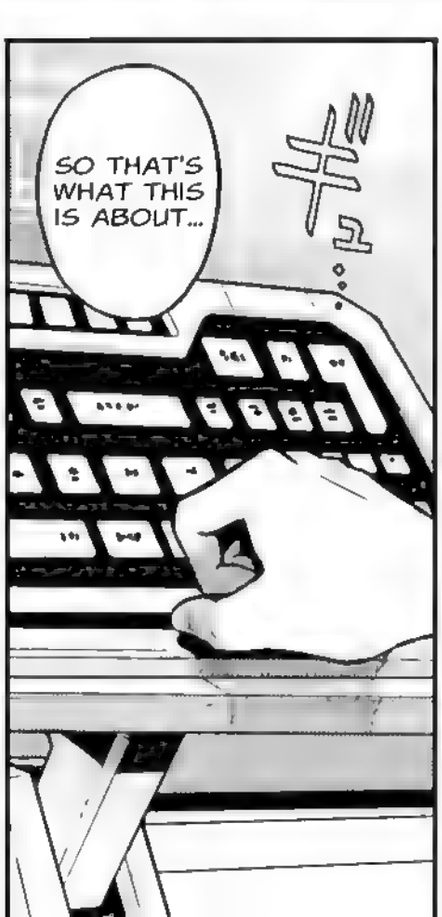

...!
WHICH IS WHY WE'RE GOING TO UTILIZE THE EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THE COLONY DROP FROM THE ONE YEAR WAR.
AIGUILLE DELAZ...
...HAS TAKEN ALL OF THOSE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION TO INITIATE OPERATION STARDUST.
THE IMPACT OF FEAR...
...AND A PINPOINTED MASS ATTACK.


A SOLDIER IS ONLY FOLLOWING HIS DUTY, NOT THE CONSEQUENCES FROM IT.
...
I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT THAT WAY, THOUGH.


AND YET, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
DO WE HAVE SOLID INTEL THAT THE COLONY HAS BEGUN TO TEAR APART AND SCATTER?
RELAY THE DATA FROM THE SATELLITES TO VICE ADMIRAL KOWEN'S OFFICE!
I DON'T CARE. I'M AUTHO-RIZING IT!
THE COLONY IS TEARING APART?!
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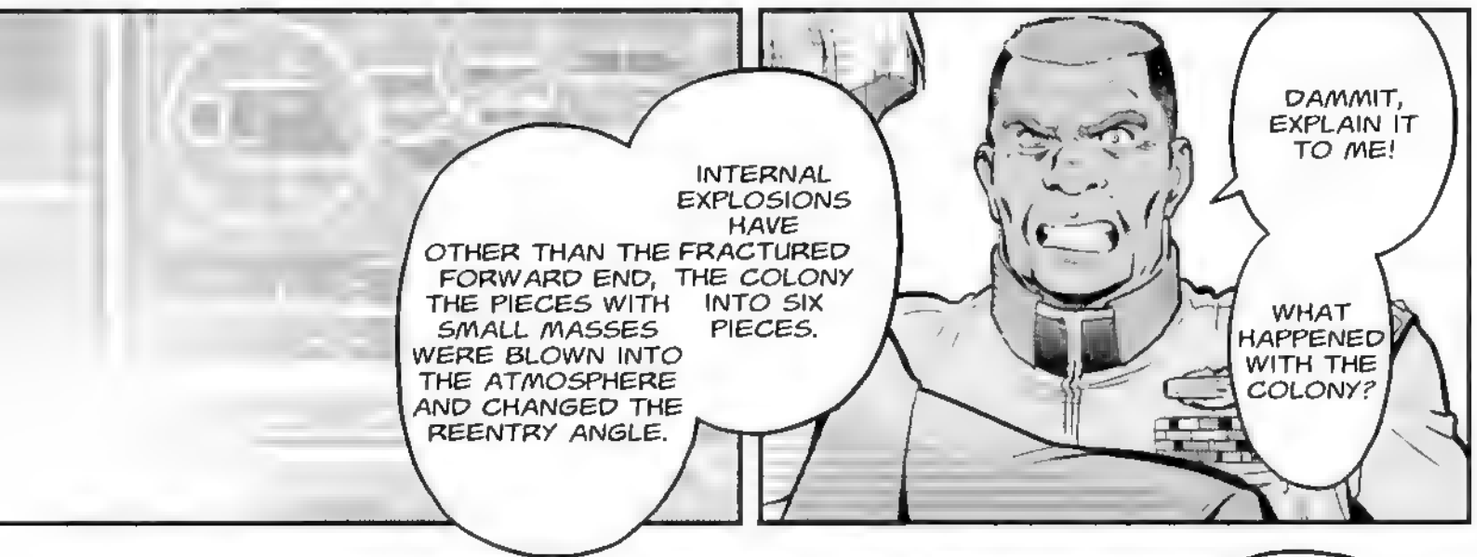

COMMANDER ALICE MILLER, GIVE ME A SITREP. WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE COLONY?
WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE ON THE SURFACE?
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SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT...
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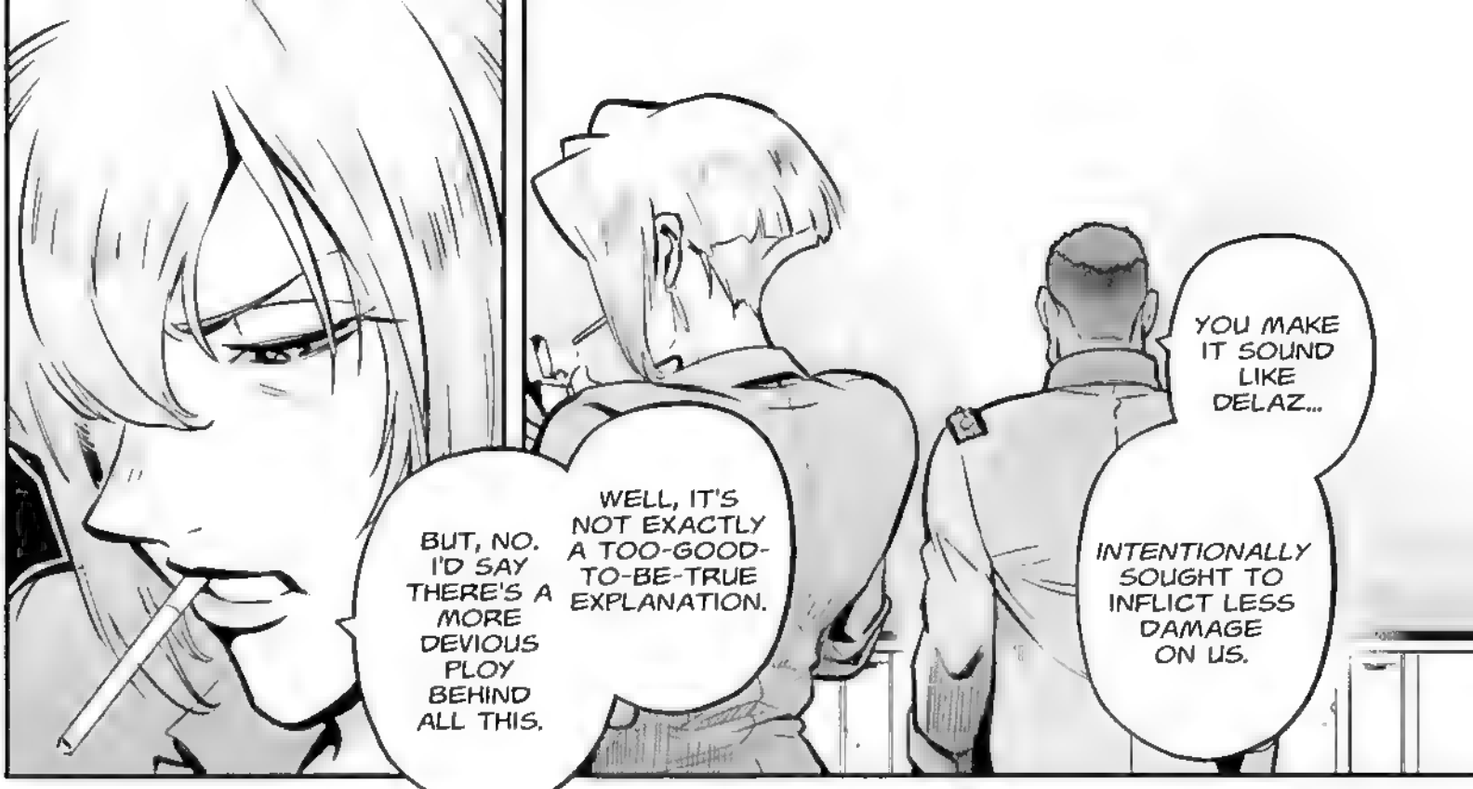

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COMMAND-ER MILLER!
GIVE ME A MINUTE...


NOW WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT DELAZ WAS UP TO.
THE ENDGAME FOR OPERATION STARDUST.


DAMMIT, EXPLAIN IT TO ME!
WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE COLONY?
INTERNAL EXPLOSIONS HAVE FRACTURED THE COLONY INTO SIX PIECES.
OTHER THAN THE FORWARD END, THE PIECES WITH SMALL MASSES WERE BLOWN INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AND CHANGED THE REENTRY ANGLE.


IT'S REASONABLE FOR US TO ASSUME THAT THE BREAKUP WAS INTENTIONAL SO THAT THEY FALL ON PLACES...
WITH RELATIVELY LESS DAMAGE.
WHAT?!


YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE DELAZ...
INTENTIONALLY SOUGHT TO INFLICT LESS DAMAGE ON US.
WELL, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE EXPLANATION.
BUT, NO. I'D SAY THERE'S A MORE DEVIOUS PLOY BEHIND ALL THIS.


YOU AREN'T SURE?
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THE DAMAGE WOULD BE MINIMAL, BUT IT'S THAT MASS. IT WOULD BE UTTERLY CATASTROPHIC.
STILL, COMPARED TO THE COLONY FROM THE ONE YEAR WAR...

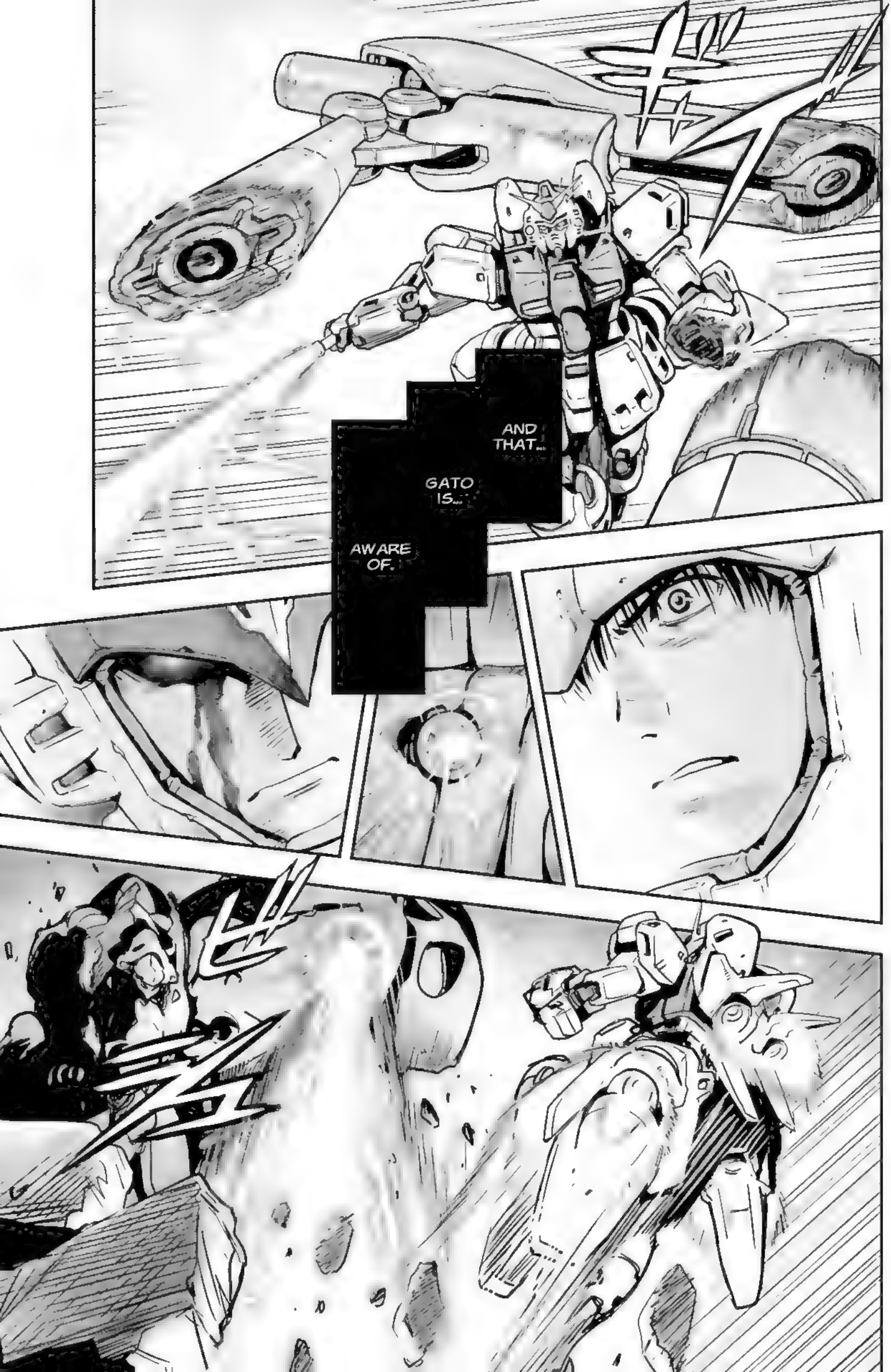

THE BASIS FOR DELAZ'S TARGET IS A LANDING SITE AT THE LEADING EDGE OF THE COLONY.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING THERE...
NOT EVEN A FEDER-ATION BASE.
OH, DEAR GOD...


YES, A SPRAWLING REGION OF GRANARY.
AUTOMATED PRODUCTION FACILITIES DESIGNED TO REDUCE COLONY DEPENDENCE ON FOOD SUPPLIES. A LESSON LEARNED FROM THE ONE YEAR WAR.
IT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING ABOUT THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL FOOD CONSUMED ON THE PLANET.
YET NOW, WE'LL BE FORCED TO DEPEND ON THE COLONIES FOR ALMOST OUR ENTIRE FOOD SUPPLY.
THAT'S WHY THEIR GOAL WAS TO KEEP THE DAMAGE OF THE COLONY TO A MINIMUM.
!!
REDUCING THE POPULATION ON EARTH WOULD LIMIT THE EFFECTS...


...
JOHN KOWEN
A TRULY RESOURCEFUL GENERAL.
DELAZ MAY HAVE LOST A BATTLE BUT WON AN ETERNAL ADVANTAGE.
YES...
YOU CAN SAY WE ARE NOW HELD HOSTAGE BY THE HUNGER OF ALL HUMANITY ON EARTH.


...IN THE FIGHT WITH GATO.
THE END DRAWS NEAR...

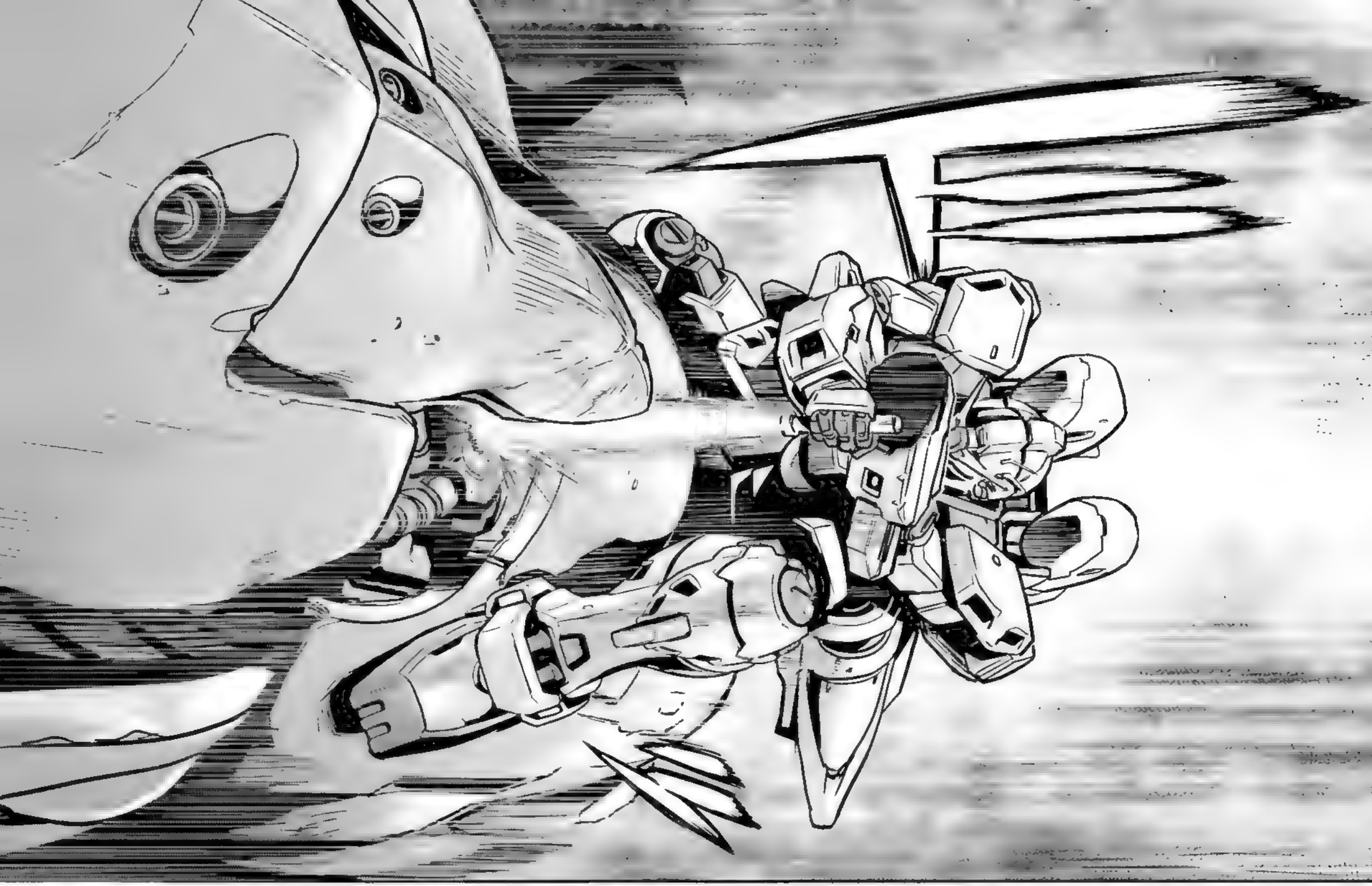

EVEN THIS BATTLE, WHERE BOTH SIDES ARE WIDDLING ONE ANOTHER DOWN...
...WILL SURELY SEE ITS END.


AND THAT...
GATO IS...
AWARE OF.




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NOW, THE BATTLE COMES TO ITS END.




WHAT THE MATTER, URAKI? YOU'RE SO SHALLOW...
THIS ISN'T THE END.



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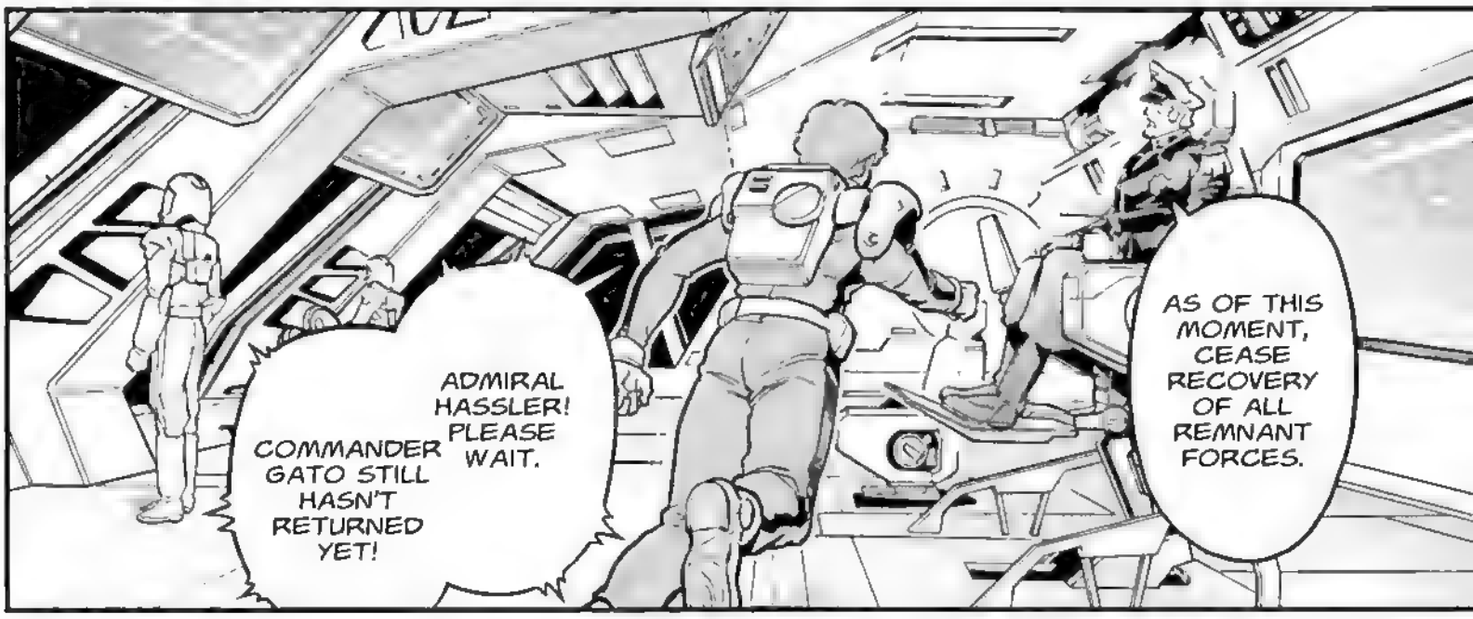

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I'VE WON AGAINST GATO...
WHY ARE YOU HESITATING, URAKI?


I JUST HAVE TO PIERCE HIS COCKPIT...
...AND THAT WILL ATONE FOR EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED UP TO NOW!
I'VE BEAT THE NIGHTMARE OF SOLOMON!


SO WHY...
WHY AM I
HESITATING?

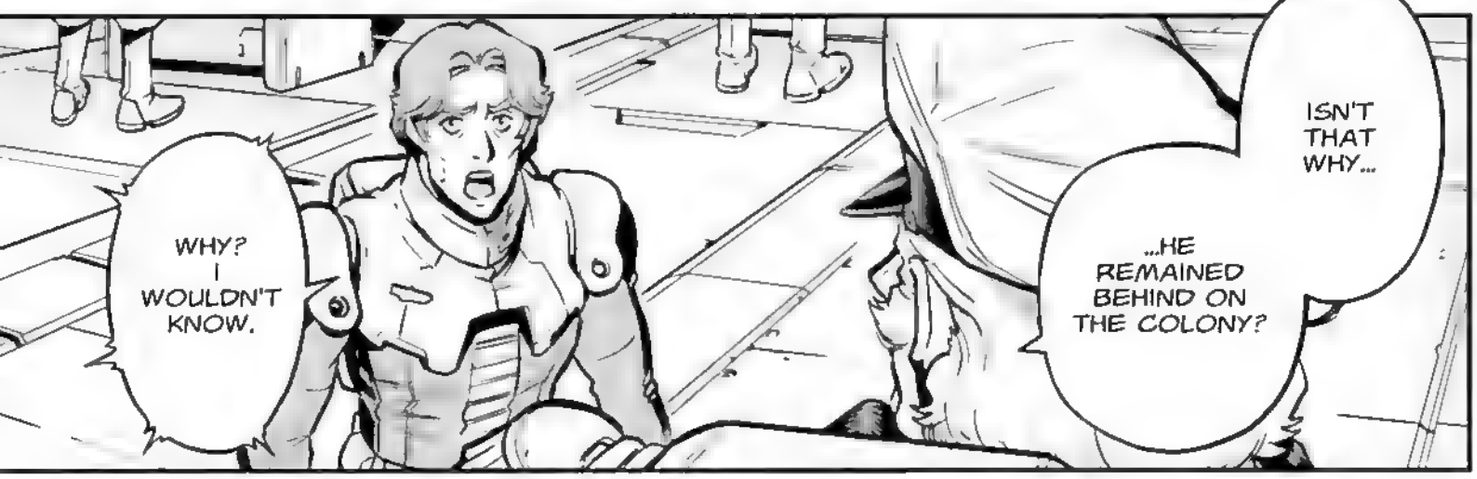

ATTENTION AXIS FLEET. YOUR FLEET IS HERE PAST THE TIME LIMIT WE GRANTED TO YOU. WITHDRAW AT ONCE!
THE REMAINING FORCES OF THE DELAZ FLEET HAVE ALREADY BEEN ELIMINATED.
YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY REASON TO REMAIN HERE.
…
OR ARE YOU READY FOR A FIGHT HERE, TOO?!
UNDERSTOOD. WE'LL WITHDRAW FROM THIS SECTOR.


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LEST YOU NOT FORGET THAT YOU'RE A TARGET FOR THE FEDERATION FORCES TO OBLITERATE SOONER OR LATER!
フン
AXIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A REMNANT FORCE OF ZEON.


COMMANDER GATO STILL HASN'T RETURNED YET!
ADMIRAL HASSLER! PLEASE WAIT.
AS OF THIS MOMENT, CEASE RECOVERY OF ALL REMNANT FORCES.


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I'M SORRY. WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN.
CHIEF PETTY OFFICER KARIUS.
CAN'T WE REMAIN IN THIS SECTOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER?


I WILL SEE TO IT THAT ALL THE MEN LEFT BEHIND BY DELAZ MAKE IT BACK TO AXIS SAFELY.
I MUST FULFILL THE PROMISE I MADE TO HIM.
I'M SURE THE COMMANDER FEELS THE SAME.

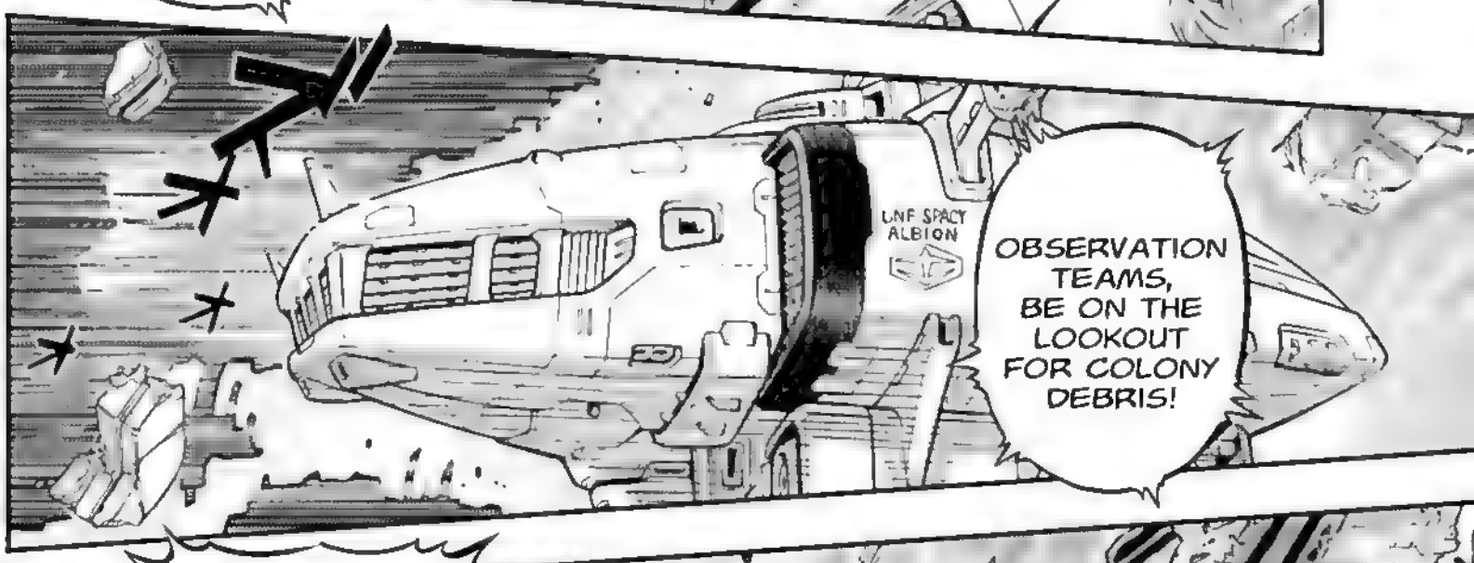

ISN'T THAT WHY...
...HE REMAINED BEHIND ON THE COLONY?
WHY? I WOULDN'T KNOW.


...!
BECAUSE OF THE NEUE ZIEL.

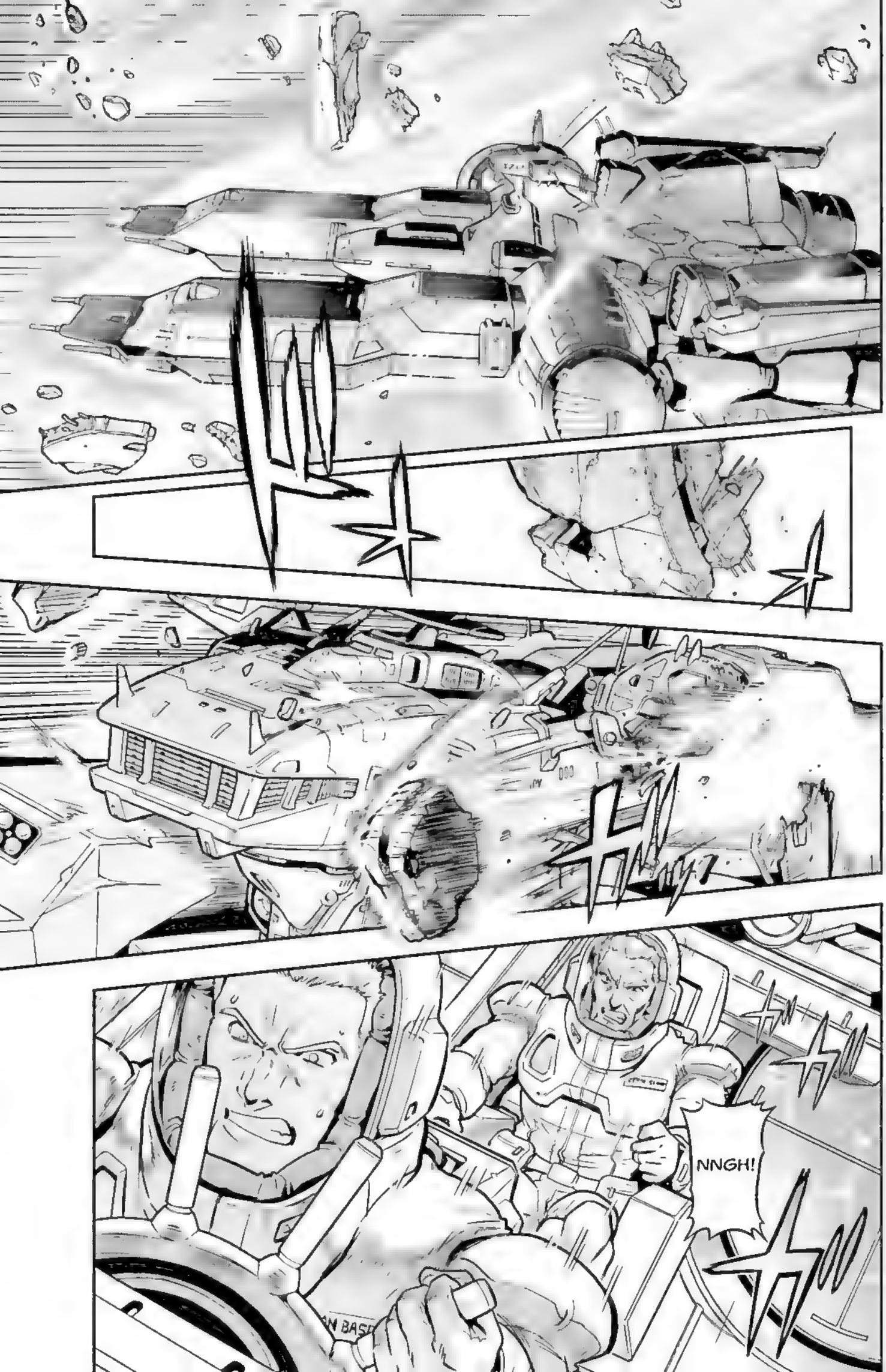

EVEN IF THE COMMANDER HAD MANAGED TO BREAK THROUGH THE FEDERATION FLEET AND MADE IT BACK TO A NEUTRAL SECTOR...
I HIGHLY DOUBT THE FEDERATION WOULD SIMPLY LET US LEAVE FOR AXIS, HAVING WITNESSED THE THREAT OF HIS MOBILE ARMOR.
EVEN IF WE CAVILED AT THEM, THEY'D PROBABLY ATTACK US.
AND THEY WOULD USE THAT AS A PRETENSE TO START A WAR WITH AXIS, WHICH IS JUST WHAT THE FEDERATION WANTS.
THERE IS NO NEED TO MOURN! BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, FOR YOU HAVE WON!
SO THEN... YOU'RE SAYING THAT HE REMAINED BEHIND ON THE COLONY TO ALLOW US TO ESCAPE?
THE COMMANDER MUST HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND...
...WHEN HE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH THE NEUE ZIEL FROM AXIS.


DELAZ, STARDUST WAS A SUCCESS!
YOU'VE FOUGHT WELL.
CAPTAIN! WE'RE CLEAR OF ITS AFT COURSE, SIR!
RIGHT!
IVAN


MINOVSKY CRAFT, MAXIMUM OUTPUT!
WE'RE DECELERATING TO A SPEED THAT'LL ALLOW US TO ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE.

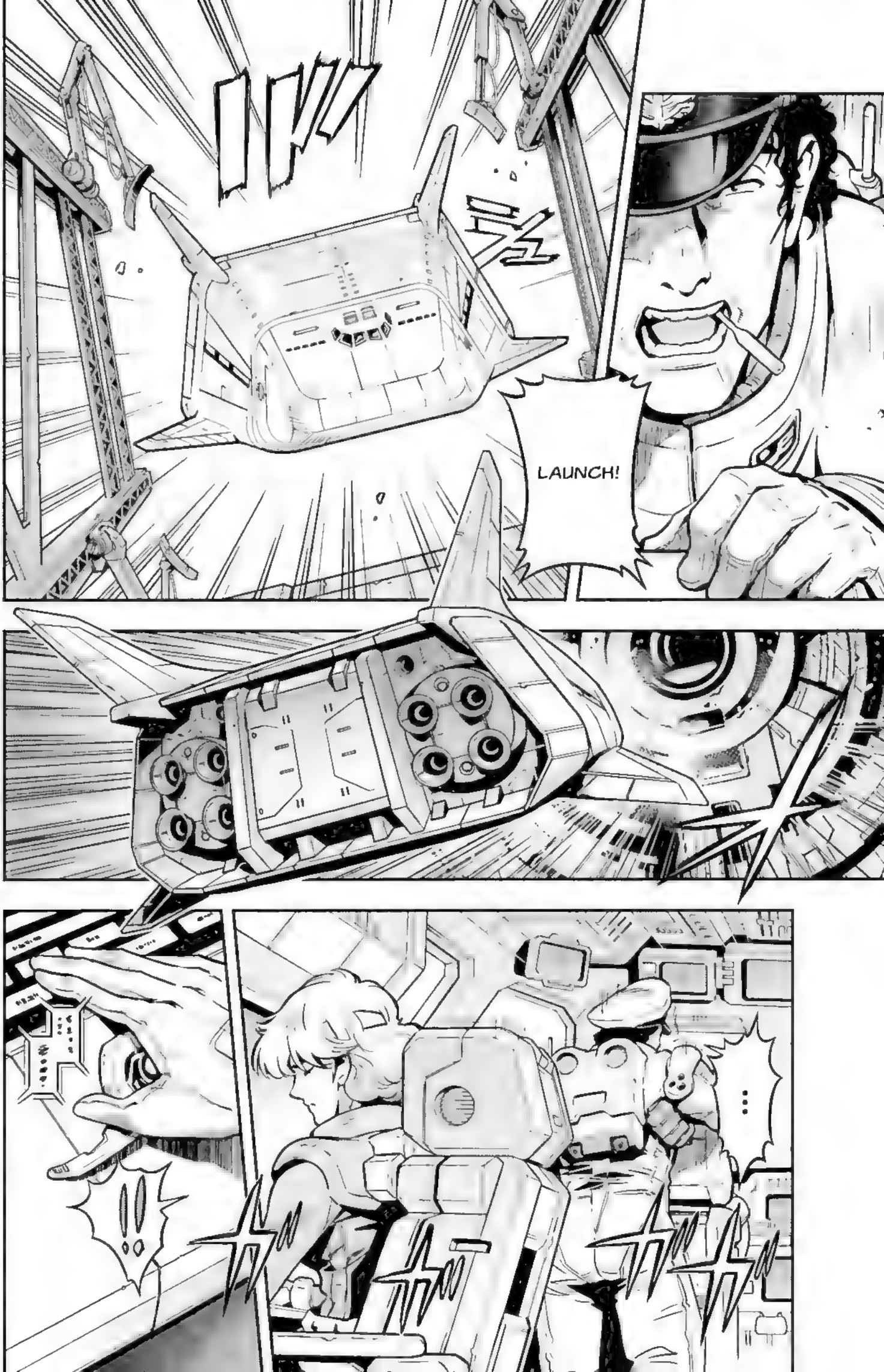

UNF SPACY ALBION
OBSERVATION TEAMS, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR COLONY DEBRIS!


PULL US AWAY FROM THE COLONY!


NNGH!


DAMAGE TO OUR PORTSIDE BOW!
MULTIPLE DAMAGE TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE SHIP! I-I CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF THEM ALL!
IT'S A MESS!!
HOLD IT TOGETHER, ALBION!


SIR, THE ENEMY SHIP HAS BEGUN TO PULL AWAY FROM THE COLONY.
GUESS THAT MEANS WE SHOULD TOO!
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR COLONY DEBRIS.
EVEN A SINGLE PIECE OF DEBRIS TO THE KOMUSAI'S THIN ARMOR PLATING CAN BE FATAL.
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LAUNCH!
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KOU!!
YOU HAVEN'T LINKED UP WITH THE ALBION YET?
I THOUGHT YOU'D WON ALREADY...
GET OUT OF YOUR SUIT!
GATO!!


W-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, URAKI?!
DIDN'T YOU SAY TO SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END?! THAT YOU WON'T ACCEPT DEFEAT SO EASILY?!
DON'T IGNORE THE OUTCOME AFTER THE OPERATION HAS BEEN ACCOM-PLISHED!
DON'T BE A GOD DAMNED FOOL, GATO!!


YOU THINK I WILL REGRET IF I LOSE?
YOU MUST BE JOKING. YOU ARE JUST ANOTHER PAWN WHO DOESN'T SEE ANY-THING.
YOU AND KELLY ONLY SEE THINGS AS PILOTS.
THAT'S WHY YOU MISS THE BIG PICTURE!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT KELLY?
HE WAS TRYING TO...
MAKE IT CLEAR BEFORE YOU MADE A MISTAKE!


HE EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO BETRAY HIS COMRADES.
YET WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND HIM?


WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, URAKI?!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M LETTING YOU DIE A HERO!
I AM A SOLDIER! I'M TAKING YOU INTO CUSTODY!




OH, CRAP! THE DESTRUCTION OF THE COLONY HAS ALREADY MADE IT THIS FAR!


FASCINATING. WELL, DO WITH ME AS YOU SEE FIT, THEN.
TAKING ME INTO CUSTODY, HUH?
THAT IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD SAY.
EITHER WAY, THE COLONY WILL STILL IMPACT IN A FEW MINUTES.
SO HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO BRING ME IN, EH URAKI?
TCH...
NINA...
KOU, CAN YOU READ ME?
IF YOU CAN, ANSWER ME...


GATO WILL BE WITH US.
NNGH
PLEASE, I KNOW IT'S RECKLESS.
NOW HANG ON JUST A MINUTE! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
IS THAT YOU, NINA? WHERE ARE YOU?
ARE YOU STILL INSIDE THE COLONY?!


NINA!
COME TO ME, KOU!!


SHIT...




THE COLONY IS...
FALLING.
HMPH
WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WITH THIS BLOW, HISTORY IS CHANGED.


REPORTS HAVE COME IN ABOUT A CONFLICT BETWEEN ZEON REMNANTS AND THE FEDERATION FORCES...


HOWEVER THE MILITARY HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE MATTER.
NEWS
RESIDENTS IN THE AREA OF THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT ARE ADVISED TO EVACUATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.
I REPEAT.


I'M GETTING THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
DRINK WHAT YOU WANT HERE! I DON'T CARE.
HUH?
OH, WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


NEED... NEED TO EVACUATE...
BUT... NEED TO PACK FIRST...
BARTENDER, THERE WON'T BE ANY IMMEDIATE DAMAGE TO THIS AREA.
WHERE IS THE DRINK I ORDERED?


IT'S SO... ANNOYING.
I GUESS THAT'S THE REPEATING HUMAN EGO.
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